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Beetle on loose after Canada Line theft

SCULPTURE Transit Police are on the hunt for a teen-sy Volkswagen Beetle.

The bug, which measures two feet wide and about three feet long, was stolen from a public-art sculpture outside the King Edward Canada Line station.

Overnight on Feb. 28, someone broke open the Plexiglas case and stole the Beetle.

The sculpture, History Of Loss by Indian artist Sudarshan Shetty, is part of the Vancouver Biennale. The sculpture features about 40 of the tiny aluminum Beetles that were each dropped from about 300 feet.

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Part of a sculpture stolen from the King Edward Canada Line station.



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Japan sledge hockey goalie Mitsuru Nagase celebrates his team's 3-1 win against Canada on Thursday at UBC Thunderbird arena.

Sledge team stunned

Japan on to gold-medal game after stopping Canada 3-1

PARALYMPIC
2010 Games

With the stage seemingly set for a third straight Canada-U.S. gold-medal hockey showdown at the Vancouver Winter Games, the host country suddenly fell victim to a miracle on ice.

Japan, who had lost 11 straight games to Canada heading into Thursday's Paralympic semifinal, rallied from an early deficit and stunned the Canadians 3-1 to advance to the gold-medal game. With the defeat, Canada will have to play for bronze.

"Canada would beat us if we played them 1,000 times, we're going to lose 999," said Japanese head

coach Kojin Nakakita. "But not this one."

The Canadians were looking to complete a gold-medal sweep after the men and women's Olympic hockey teams won their respective titles last month.

But the sledge team looked tense out of the gate, as players misfired on routine passes, shot wide on glorious chances, and took bad penalties.

Defenceman Adam Dixon, who at age 20 was competing in his first Paralympics, approached reporters while fighting back tears and said his team might have been guilty of looking too far ahead.

"It's tough. It's tough to swallow."

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Team Canada captain Jean Labonte congratulates Mitsuru Nagase. More coverage, page 24.

Olympic freebees ending this weekend

WASN'T THAT A PARTY? With the Paralympic Games closing in Whistler on Sunday, this weekend is the last chance Vancouverites have to take advantage of some of the free exhibits and pavilions that opened up for the Olympics.

The free Robson Square zipline, which was supposed to shut down after the Olympics, was kept aloft because of popular demand and will carry its last thrill-seeker at 9 p.m. on Sunday.

During the Olympics, people waited up to six hours for a 22-second ride.

The free Olympic Line streetcar will carry its last passengers before the trams are returned to Brussels.

The Royal Canadian Mint will pack up its display of Olympic medals at the Vancouver Public Library at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The mint had six- to eight-hour lineups during the Olympics and also hosted a coin exchange for the public.

Colleen Hale, from Burnaby, was at the Mint Thursday with friends.

"We got to see the mint the first time around but didn't get to see the medals," she said. "So we thought it would be a better opportunity during the Paralympics."

The Vancouver Art Gallery opened its doors for free during the Games and come Monday, visitors will once again have to pay to see the feature exhibit, Leonardo Da Vinci: The Mechanics Of Man.

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Mounties find runaway llama

A runaway llama named Andy was found and then lassoed by Mounties in Mission. The animal was returned to its owners, who said Andy suffers from a skin condition that makes it unable to wear a halter, which made it easier to escape.

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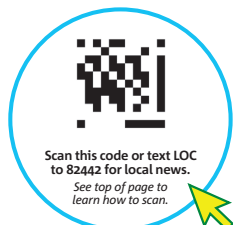
News in brief

MOTORCYCLES The B.C. government plans to toughen rules governing motorcycling based on recommendations from a B.C. Coroners Service death panel review. They include a zero-tolerance blood-alcohol policy for new riders, a graduated-licensing program and colour-coded licence plates for learners.

MARINE CENTRE B.C. Ferries and BCIT are collaborating on a project to build a marine-simulation centre at the BCIT marine campus. It's expected that it'll provide hands-on training for marine professionals and be a training resource for companies like B.C. Ferries.

SOCIAL SERVICES Federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff will be in Vancouver Friday to meet with one of the largest social-services agencies in Canada, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. He's expected to discuss new immigrants' needs, English-language services for adults and employment-assistance service programs.

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Elderly man dies in basement fire

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A senior died Thursday morning as he battled a small fire within the cluttered basement of his East Vancouver home.

"It was a very small fire," said Capt. Gabe Roder of Vancouver Fire and Rescue. "Small, but tragic. From the outside of the home

you would never have known it was a fire."

Media reports identified the victim as Steve Kulash, a taxidermist who worked in Burnaby and whose work was included in the recent Ravishing Beasts exhibit at the Vancouver Museum.

Roder said the 72-year-old died because he decided to stay and fight the fire. "He did the wrong thing.

He should have got out. He should have just left the house and called 911."

The fire, which appeared to have been sparked by an overloaded electrical circuit and a faulty extension cord, broke out around 3:30 a.m. at the house, located in the 600 block of East 23rd Avenue.

Kulash's 47-year-old son, who was also in the house when the fire started, woke

his father and then ran out to call for help. He was treated in hospital for smoke inhalation after he tried to get back into the house. In an interview, Kulash's other son Bryan told CBC News that he didn't know why his father would have stayed.

"He was smarter than that," Bryan Kulash said. "But that black smoke. It only takes a second and

you're done."

Complicating the situation, Roder said, was a large amount of clutter in the home.

He said it added fuel to the fire and made it difficult for people to get out and for firefighters to get in. About 20 firefighters, stationed only three blocks away, were on the scene within minutes of the call, Roder added.



Mayor Gregor Robertson, left, presents His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, with a commemorative coin during his visit to the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Protocol Operations Centre in Vancouver on Thursday.

Paralympics get royal treatment

PARALYMPIC
2010 Games

VISIT Prince Edward is in Vancouver to meet Paralympic staff and athletes and tour event venues.

The Earl of Wessex arrived Thursday, and was welcomed by Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson. The prince donned one

of the bright blue jackets worn by Olympic and Paralympic volunteers, and a medallion commemorating his trip.

For the next three days he's taking in Vancouver's Paralympic Winter Games events and meeting with participants and volunteers in Vancouver and Whistler, before attending the Games' closing cere-

monies on Sunday.

Edward was in Vancouver in 2006, when the Paralympic flag was raised at city hall.

The 46-year-old prince — the youngest of Queen Elizabeth's four children — will present 100 young Canadians aged 14 to 25 with Duke of Edinburgh Awards during his visit.

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Judge orders new trial for Bacon brother

CRIME An alleged B.C. gangster who escaped 15 criminal charges for weapons and drug offences when a judge tossed out a search warrant must now face a new trial.

Jonathan Bacon — who police have publicly identified as a gang member — was arrested along with Godwin Cheng and Raylene Burton in August 2005.

Police searched two vehicles and seized marijuana, ecstasy, cocaine and more than \$90,000 in cash.

Officers were denied a search warrant the day before the arrest because there were not reasonable grounds. However, after the arrests they were granted the warrant to search Bacons' Abbotsford

townhouse.

Inside, police found more marijuana, cash, automatic weapons, illegal ammunition, silencers, a bulletproof vest, a police uniform and a police scanner. At trial, provincial court Judge Donald Gardiner found that the arresting officer didn't have adequate grounds to make the arrests and threw out all the charges against the accused.

The Crown appealed and on Thursday, a three-member panel on the B.C. Appeal Court unanimously disagreed with the lower court judge on both the arrest and the warrant.

The not-guilty verdicts have been set aside and a new trial ordered.

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Big Twilight queues expected

DVD RELEASE Long lines are expected ahead of Saturday's launch of the second instalment in the teen hit Twilight series, retailers say.

Elliot Chun, communications manager for Future Shop, said the release of New Moon should be big-

ger than a similar launch when 300 people lined up to buy an NHL video game at an event with former Canucks great Trevor Linden. "We're expecting a tremendous thrust of customers," Chun said.

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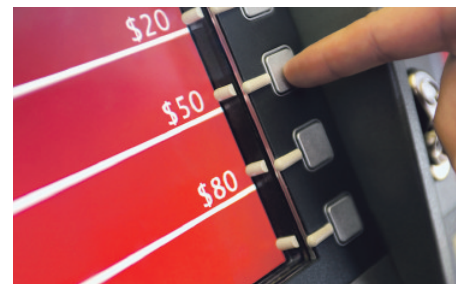
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High praise for Paralympic fans

Athletes humbled by support

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Fans are packing into venues and cheering at the 2010 Paralympic Games like never before, athletes say.

Raymond Grassi, a fenceman for Team Canada, said that playing at UBC Thunderbird Arena — which has been sold out for every Canadian sledge hockey game — has been an amazing experience.

"We've never played in front of a crowd that big or that loud before," he said.

"We come out of the dressing room for warmups and I get goose bumps every time. It's very humbling," Grassi said. "To have people support us like



Raymond Grassi

that is hard to believe sometimes."

Canadian athletes aren't the only ones commenting on the crowd sizes and enthusiasm.

Anne-Mette Bredahl is a visually impaired Danish biathlete.

"(The fans) are very good at cheering on everybody," said Bredahl.

"I got one of the biggest cheers of the day (Wednesday) because four kilometres from the finish line I broke my ski, and (the crowd) knew I was skiing on a broken ski," she said. "So, when I finally got to the finish people were very supportive."

She said all the support helped keep her motivated and to push herself to finish the race.

Mint Commemorating the Games



Paralympic ambassador and former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan helps unveil the new 25-cent sledge hockey commemorative coin outside the Royal Canadian Mint pavilion at the main branch of the Vancouver Public Library Thursday. The sledge hockey design is the last to be released.

News in brief

MEDALS The gold, silver and bronze Paralympic medals will be on display at the International Paralympic Committee Pavilion at Whistler Village on Friday. Attendees will be able to

touch the medals and meet the team that produced them.

INTERNET Canada's Olympic Broadcast consortium announced record-breaking on-line viewership during the

Olympic Games in Vancouver. In all, 215 million web pages were viewed by 12.3 million people — that's five times the number recorded in Beijing.

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Pound supports Own the Podium

OLYMPICS Canada's Own The Podium program might have come under fire at times during the Vancouver Olympics, but Canadian IOC member Dick Pound said the program worked and the blueprint should be used for future Games.

Own The Podium forced Canada to be more ruthless when it handed out Olympic funding, he said.

"It allows you to say, 'you know your program is really good and we'll fund you to the hilt, but your program sucks. We're not going to give you anything because you haven't merited it,'" Pound said on Thursday.

"Those are the kind of things Canada has been loath to do in the past. We've tried to be too nice to everybody."

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Surrey teen shot in drive-by dies

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A Surrey teenager who was hit in a drive-by shooting near 124 Street and Boundary Drive South has died in hospital, RCMP announced on Thursday.

The victim and a friend were parked on the side of the road around noon on Wednesday when a dark-coloured vehicle drove up beside them and shot at their car, said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr.

"The friend, who was in the driver's position, im-

mediately began to flee the area upon hearing the shots ring out," Carr said.

"The driver noticed that his friend in the passenger seat was in severe medical distress and transported him to Surrey Memorial Hospital immediately."

The victim was trans-

ported to Royal Columbian Hospital, where he later died.

"Investigators are of the belief at this time that this incident is not a random shooting," said Carr.

"Investigators have not yet identified if the incident has links to drugs,

gangs or organized crime."

A dark coloured vehicle — possibly green — was seen fleeing the area east on 60th Avenue from Boundary Drive South.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call police or CrimeStoppers.

Two arrests made over Richmond music store heist

THEFT Two men have been arrested in Richmond after a music shop was robbed by two suspects carrying a machete and a handgun.

The shop on Jacombs Road was broken into just before 10 p.m. and the suspects demanded the occupants' wallets, said RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Pound.

"(Officers) were on scene within minutes and ... one officer noted two males, matching the description, in the back of a taxi driving in a nearby area," Pound said.

"Police flagged down the taxi and apprehended the two males in the rear passenger seats. A search of the males revealed gloves, ski masks and bandanas."

Pound said officers found a jacket with a loaded handgun in its pocket in the back of the taxi, and a machete was discovered nearby.

John Thomas, 36 and Andol London, 27, have been charged with, among other things, robbery and possession of a weapon.

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News in brief

ROBOTICS Around 300 B.C. and Washington State students are competing at BCIT's robotic competition on Saturday. Robots will fling balls back and forth while teams try to clear their territory while filling their opponent's territory with the same balls. The top eight move on to the World Championships in Texas.

RACING Two 17-year-old boys have had lost their drivers licences for two weeks after being caught street racing in Saanich. RCMP say a Chevy pickup and Cobalt Coupe were driving more than 150 km/h in an 80 km/h construction zone.

CHARGES A 39-year-old man is facing charges after attempting to sell phony tickets to Michael Buble's Vancouver show.

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Canadian TV going 3-D as first models hit store shelves

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TECHNOLOGY Some of Canada's first 3-D televisions will be available to consumers next Friday.

Samsung LED 3-D TVs will be available at Future Shop stores across the country. They are available in sizes of 40, 46 and 55 inches and range in price from about \$2,500 to \$4,000.

"This is a huge launch for us," said Elliott Chun, a spokesman for Future Shop, who experienced the technology when it was unveiled at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in January.

"This is the most talked about consumer electronics for 2010 ... a lot of people have been waiting for 3-D televisions."

Recent months have seen a number of 3-D movies, including James Cameron's Avatar and Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland.

In the U.S., Discovery Channel and ESPN have both announced plans for 3-D channels.

This summer's World Cup will also see select games broadcast in 3-D in seven cities around the world.

But while content for the televisions is in its infancy, Chun said the TVs function as top-of-the line 1080 HD



A man watches a Samsung 3-D LED TV at a launch party in New York City.

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Sony plans to begin sell-

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The 'sherpas' get a lecture

Harper spells out G20 priorities

The G20 nations must keep trade markets open, strengthen banking regulations and nurture a sustained recovery from the world economic crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Those were the priorities Harper laid out for the "sherpas" — the senior bureaucrats who are holding two days of meetings in Ottawa to lay out the agenda for June's economic summit in Toronto.

Harper told the negotiators recovery is by no means fully assured.

He said the G20 will be judged not just on its ability to respond to crisis, but also "its capacity to lead the world through recovery and beyond."

Harper said it's natural and expected for countries to defend their national interests, but he said those must be "enlightened" and take into account the overall, long-term needs of the global economy.

"The G20 must keep to its past commitments and also encourage a feeling of shared responsibility for the world economy, for the well-being, the happiness of people on this planet," Harper said.

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Save, save, save, bank boss warns

GROWING OLD David Dodge, former governor of the Bank of Canada, says Canadians need to save far more if they want to retire comfortably.

They need to stash away between 10 and 21 per cent of their pre-tax earnings every year if they save for 35 years, he says.

"This fraction is likely far higher than many Canadians believe and higher than is set aside in most employer-based group RSPs or defined-contribution plans," Dodge writes in a study on savings for the C.D. Howe Institute.

He called it a "reality check." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

HIGH SEAS Sixteen Canadian tourists exploring the Galapagos Islands were rescued after the yacht they were travelling on ran aground.

Fernando Diez, public relations manager for Quazar Expeditions in Ecuador, said the Alta struck a reef Wednesday night while trying to dock at Puerto Ayora in Ecuador.

The accident was caused in part by lack of illumination from a lighthouse, he said, but the boat's captain should have been able to avoid the accident.

"The instruments on the yacht, the depth-finders and the sonars and all that, should have detected the

Old Montreal Mafia links probed as blood flows



Police gather outside a high-end fashion boutique in Old Montreal on Thursday after two men were killed in a brazen shooting that police are probing for high-profile Mafia links. Police say they are examining possible links between the killings and the December slaying of the son of reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto. Two suspects who fled the scene Thursday are being hunted.

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MPs set for battle over Afghan documents

POLITICS Opposition MPs are taking action over the government's refusal to hand over documents on the Afghan detainee issue.

They now are seeking a formal ruling from the Speaker that the refusal violates parliamentary privilege.

They say the government is mocking parliamentary rights and privileges that date back centuries by denying MPs access to the material.

Liberal Derek Lee says Parliament will be harmed if the government holds its ground.

"If we do not stand up for our parliamentary role on behalf of Canadians ... there is no one else out there to do it," Lee said.

The Conservative government says it cannot give the uncensored material to a special Commons committee on Afghanistan because of national security considerations.

Liberal Bob Rae says national security is a concern for all MPs, but there are ways to maintain it while still allowing them to do their jobs.

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Canadians safe after shipwreck



Nowhere to go: The grounded Alta yacht is buffeted by waves in the Galapagos Islands Thursday.

reef," Diez said in a telephone interview from company headquarters in Quito.

"We don't know exactly what could have caused the captain not seeing the reef."

The 16 Canadians, who Diez believes are from Toronto, were put up in a hotel. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

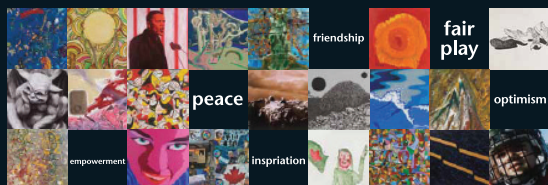
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News in brief

TERRORISM The Canadian-Somali community is reeling following reports that a Toronto teenager said to have been recruited by a terrorist organization was killed. The group known as Al-Shabaab says Mohammed Elmi Ibrahim, who went missing two years ago, has been killed in Somalia. Ottawa banned the Somalia-based group as a terrorist organization earlier this month.

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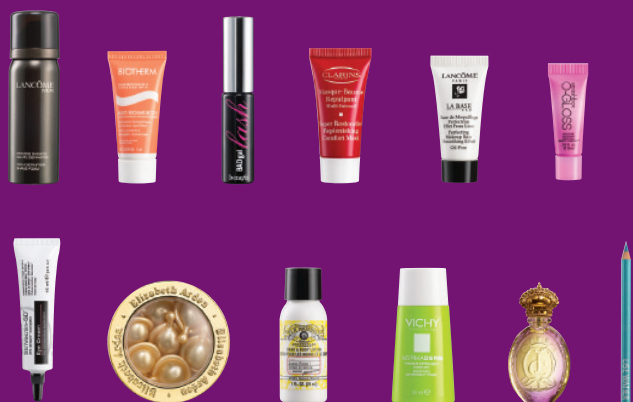


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Graco is recalling about 35,000 Harmony-branded high chairs sold in Canada. The company says screws holding the front legs can loosen and fall out and a plastic bracket on the rear legs can crack. There have been reports of 24 injuries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

EU backs away from polar bear ban

Canadian Inuit got some help from an unlikely corner yesterday when the European Union rejected a motion to ban the international trade of polar bear parts.

The result assured the defeat of the U.S.-backed proposal. "I think that's

great," said Chucky Gruben, a polar bear hunter from Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. "I'm glad to hear this was defeated."

The EU has angered the Inuit in the past over issues such as the seal hunt. But yesterday it was the union's 27-member states voting in

a block at the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species that prevented polar bear skins from being placed in the same category as elephant ivory.

"It's basically the EU that stood in the way," said Teresa Telesky of Humane

Society International, who is at the meeting in Doha, Qatar.

"If it hadn't been for the EU, we would have won this debate."

Canada is the only country that allows the export of polar bear hides.

Canada, along with Nor-

way and Greenland, led opposition to the U.S. proposal. The EU judged the real threat to the bears to be climate change, not trade, reports suggest.

About 300 bear skins annually are exported from Canada.

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A polar bear mother hovers over her two cubs by Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man.

Pilot not suicidal: Airline

COURT An Air Canada pilot may have said he had nothing to lose but, did not threaten to ditch his plane in the Atlantic during a dispute with the chief flight steward, the airline said yesterday.

The case ended up in Federal

Court after flight attendants refused to fly with him on a later Paris-bound flight. In siding with the attendants, Judge John O'Keefe found that an independent investigator was wrong to conclude the conflict between pilot and steward was a "normal condition" of employment.

"Hugh (the steward) said that the captain had said he had nothing to lose as he was being fired anyway," court documents show.

A thorough investigation at the time turned up no safety issues with the pilot, who is still flying for Air Canada.

"This was not a depressed person speaking," said airline spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick.

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News in brief

POLITICS Conservative MPs are preventing the grieving widow of former Rights and Democracy president Remy Beauregard from testifying at a Commons committee. Suzanne Trepanier requested permission to provide her version of events that led up to her husband's heart attack.

BROADCASTERS New measures of a negotiating framework for members of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission will be revealed Monday.

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Somali pirates abandoned a hijacked Iranian vessel and set its 19-man crew free Thursday after encountering an Italian warship just off the coast of Somalia, NATO said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Calif. ponders landmark smoking ban

California lawmakers on Thursday were considering what is believed to be the nation's most far-reaching smoking ban in state parks as a way to get unsightly cigarette butts off the beach, eliminate second-hand smoke and reduce the threat of wildfires. Maine banned smoking at its state beaches last year, but groups that track such legislation say no state prohibits lighting up throughout its entire park system, as the California bill proposes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Stage set for U.S. health vote

Democrats desperately hoping for Sunday passage of contentious bill

U.S. President Barack Obama scuttled an Asian trip in favour of last-minute lobbying at the White House on his top domestic priority, a sweeping \$940-billion US health-care reform plan that is now headed for a climatic weekend vote.

Obama played host to a procession of Democrats still wavering over the health-care program, which

would affect nearly every American and remake one-sixth of the U.S. economy. For the first time, Americans would be required to have health insurance.

Democrats were boosted by a nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office report that said health-care reform would trim federal deficits by an estimated \$138 billion over the next decade.

The stakes are huge for

Deficit reduction

• The Congressional Budget Office said the legislation would reduce the federal deficit by \$138 billion US over its first 10 years, and continue to drive down the red ink thereafter.

Obama, who is putting much of his credibility on the line to gain passage of

legislation.

"It will make history and we will make progress by passing this legislation," predicted the Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as Democrats unveiled final alterations to a bill — 16 tumultuous months in the making — meant to expand health care to 32-million uninsured Americans and bar

the insurance industry from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

Democrats set a Sunday showdown in the House, and while Pelosi and others expressed confidence about the outcome, Obama's decision to put off a scheduled Asian trip until June was a confession that the votes were not yet secured. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sex.com auction cancelled

WEB The suitors for Sex.com have been put off for now.

An auction for the much-sought-after domain name was cancelled after three creditors filed a petition forcing the owner into bankruptcy.

Mike Mann, an investor with all three creditors, said the petition was filed to stop the auction. According to the petition, the creditors have a combined \$10.1-million claim. Selling the domain name at an auction was not going to enhance its value, he said.

"It's gone way up in value," he said. "It's the most valuable domain in the world. They were throwing away the world's most valuable domain asset."

Escom LLC paid a reported \$12 million to \$14 million for the domain name in 2006, but was unable to repay the debt. The lender ordered the foreclosure sale.

The opening bid: \$1 million US. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Palestinian rocket kills farm worker

ISRAEL A rocket fired by Gaza militants smashed into a greenhouse in an Israeli border village Thursday, killing a Thai worker in the first such death since Israel's massive offensive against Hamas-ruled Gaza more than a year ago.

The launch defied a long-standing ban by Hamas on such attacks and highlighted the growing challenge to the Islamic militant group from more radical rivals.

The Israeli air force responded early Friday by striking six targets in southern Gaza. The military identified the targets as three weapons-smuggling tunnels; two other tunnels that militants were digging to infiltrate into Israel; and a weapons workshop. No injuries were reported. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lebanon Hoping to live happily ever after



Activists dance in downtown Beirut yesterday as they campaign to legalize civil marriage. In the Mideast, civil marriage doesn't exist and no religious authority will perform interfaith weddings.

Poland convicts Auschwitz thieves

CRIME A Polish court convicted three men Thursday of the theft of the notorious Arbeit Macht Frei (Work Sets You Free) sign from the Auschwitz memorial site in December.

The men, two of whom are brothers, got prison sentences ranging from 18 months to 2½ years.

In footage from court, the men's faces were blurred, and each expressed regret for stealing the sign. The court identified them only as Radoslaw M., Lukasz M. and Pawel S., in keeping with Polish privacy laws.

The theft occurred in the night between Dec. 17 and Dec. 18, a brazen heist.

A Swedish man with a neo-Nazi background, Anders Hogstrom, is also a suspect and in custody. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Beggar assaults woman with needle

A Puerto Rican panhandler was arrested after he allegedly stabbed a woman with a needle when she refused to give \$5. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Japan wins tuna war

CONSERVATION Fishing nations won a victory over environmentalists yesterday when a U.S.-backed proposal to ban export of the Atlantic bluefin tuna was overwhelmingly rejected at a UN wildlife meeting.

Japan won over scores of poorer nations with a campaign that played on fears that a ban would devastate their economies. Tokyo also raised doubts that such a radical move was scientifically sound.

In another blow to conservationists, a proposal at the meeting to ban the international sale of polar bear skins failed to pass.

With stocks of Atlantic



Bluefin tuna for sushi.

bluefin tuna down 75 per cent due to the rapacious appetites of Japanese sushi lovers, the defeat of the proposal was a stunning setback for the Americans, Europeans and their conservationist allies who had hoped the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in

Endangered Species, or CITES, would protect the fish. "Let's take science and throw it out the door," Susan Lieberman, director of international policy with the Pew Environment Group in Washington, said sarcastically. "The fish is too valuable for its own good."

Japan imports 80 per cent of the tuna, which grows as big as 680 kilograms (1,500 pounds).

Delegates also rejected a ban on the international sale of polar bear skins and parts. Canada, among others, argued the trade had little impact on bear populations and would adversely affect their economies.

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Controversial priest hushed

CHILD ABUSE A Roman Catholic bishop in Ireland ordered a priest yesterday to remain silent over his views that church officials should not tell police about child abusers within the priesthood.

Bishop Dermot Clifford said Monsignor Maurice Dooley, an expert in

Catholic canon law, must not speak publicly again about his understanding of the church's rules on confidentiality.

"I want to state that all concerns that come to light are reported fully and without delay to the state authorities," Clifford said.

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News in brief

DRESS CODE Shorts, tight skirts and suggestive T-shirts are out and, in stifling local temperatures, men must wear long-sleeved shirts, according to new dress regulations for civil servants issued by Botswana authorities. Those who breach the code face unspecified disciplinary action.

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Italian, British murders linked

The case of an Italian teenager who disappeared in 1993 has returned to the spotlight after decomposed remains believed to be hers were discovered in the church where she was last seen, police said yesterday.

At the same time, an unsolved 2002 murder in Britain has resurfaced, with British police linking

their case with the disappearance of the teen.

Elisa Claps vanished from her hometown of Potenza on Sept. 12, 1993 at the age of 16. She was last seen in the Most Holy Trinity church in downtown Potenza with an acquaintance, Danilo Restivo, who later acknowledged that he had spent about 10 minutes in the

church with her before leaving.

Restivo has denied wrongdoing. He remains under investigation in the case, his lawyer Mario Marinelli said Thursday.



Elisa Claps

He said his client was living in Britain and was calm.

Police in Dorset, meanwhile, linked the disappearance of Claps with the slaying of a British woman, Heather Barnett, whose mutilated body was found by her two children in the bathroom of her home in Bournemouth in 2002. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sammy, the four-metre long female whale shark, swims inside a giant aquarium at the Atlantis hotel in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in this 2008 file photo. The resort hotel on one of Dubai's man-made islands said yesterday that it has freed the whale shark, whose captivity had been criticized by environmentalists.

Dubai resort frees captive whale shark

ANIMALS A resort hotel on one of Dubai's manmade islands said yesterday it has freed a whale shark whose captivity had been criticized by environmentalists.

The Atlantis hotel on the city-state's Palm Jumeirah island said it released the four-metre female shark into the Persian Gulf, but did not provide documentation.

Whale sharks, the largest fish in the world, are considered a threatened species.

Atlantis vice-president Steve Kaiser said in a written response to questions the animal has been fitted with a satellite tracking tag to record its position for research purposes.

He said the shark was in good health when it was released Thursday morning off the east side of the

palm-shaped island, one of several artificial islands off the city-state's coast. Outsiders were not invited for the safety of the shark, he said.

The hotel is run by Bahamas-based Kerzner International in partnership with a division of Dubai's struggling state-run conglomerate Dubai World.

Environmentalists began calling for the shark's release shortly after the hotel announced it had rescued it from the shallow waters off Dubai's coast in 2008.

The huge fish also brought the luxury marine-themed hotel's centre-piece aquarium considerable publicity.

A hotel gift shop continued to sell Atlantis-branded toy models of the whale shark late Thursday afternoon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

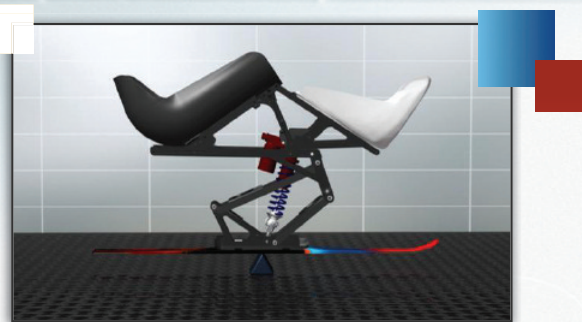
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Russian-built nuclear power plant to start up

IRAN Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Iran's new Russian-built nuclear power plant will begin operating this summer, even as the United States called for

Russia to delay the startup. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Moscow on an official trip, urged Russia not to start up the plant until Tehran proves that it's not developing atomic weapons.

But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, at a joint news conference with Clinton, immediately responded that Russia would put the reactor online.

Putin, who is expected to meet with Clinton Friday, was on a trip to southern Russia when he said Moscow was committed to starting operations at the Iranian atomic power plant. "The first reactor at Iran's nuclear power plant in Bushehr is to be launched already in the summer," Putin said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A Swiss-based company says it will attempt to set a speed record for a round-the-world flight. Sonneg SA claims its owner Riccardo Mor-tara will try Friday to circle the globe in under 67 hours, one minute and ten seconds to beat Steve Fossett's record. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fargo man vs. Red River

NORTH DAKOTA Mac Butler believes he'll beat the bloated Red River and save his home again this year. But a canoe and kayak are tied up outside his house just in case he's wrong. He and his wife, Jane, are among the final holdouts in the flood-ravaged Fargo neighbourhood where some three dozen homeowners have opted to accept government money to relocate over the past decade. On Sunday, the river is expected to crest up to nearly three metres (20 feet) above the flood stage. It's Butler's fourth time in 30 years fighting the flood. He estimates his house to be 100 years old. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Piracy targeted

Hollywood and Bollywood linked arms yesterday to fight piracy, with the announcement of a coalition among the Motion Picture Association of America and seven Indian companies to tackle counterfeiting in one of the world's largest film markets.

The alliance comes as Hollywood tries to tap global markets more aggressively and as Indian movie studios grow in size and stature — narrowing the gap between Indian and U.S. filmmakers, who have not always seen eye-to-eye on intellectual property issues.

A year in the making, the coalition to fight film piracy in India will work with

movie theatres to crack down on camcorder piracy — the source of 90 per cent of all pirated DVDs — with police to tighten enforcement, with Internet service providers to fight Internet piracy and with politicians to create more effective laws.

MPAA, which has similar anti-piracy alliances in the U.S., Europe and Hong Kong, would not disclose the size of the coalition's budget but said funding would come from members. In 2008, Warner Bros. unsuccessfully sued to block the release of an Indian Punjabi film called Hari Puttar — A Comedy of Terrors on grounds the name was too close to Harry Potter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lions He's just a baby



A one-month-old lion cub, Mello, lays his head on the paw of his mother at Prigen Safari Park in Indonesia yesterday.

Little unrest at Cuban march

CUBA Hundreds of government supporters surrounded a small group of Cuban dissidents as they marched through Havana yesterday on the seventh anniversary of the arrests of their loved ones, screaming abuse but otherwise allowing the protest to proceed peacefully.

The Ladies in White, most of them mothers and wives of some of the 75 dissidents arrested in the March 18, 2003 crackdown, have vowed to protest every day this week to call attention to the plight of political prisoners, many of whom have been sentenced to decades behind bars.

Cuba's human rights record has come into sharp focus since the death of dissident hunger striker Orlando Zapata Tamayo last month drew international condemnation.

Cuba has issued a series of biting responses to the criticism, saying it will not give in to pressure.

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Just a fairy tale?

A Holocaust survivor who says she met Anne Frank in a Nazi concentration camp is standing by her story in the face of skepticism from historians, filmmakers and a childhood friend of the diarist.

Berthe Meijer, 71, claims in a memoir to be published in Dutch this month that while she was in Bergen Belsen as a six-year-old, she remembers the severely ill Frank trying to cheer up some of the children at the camp by telling them fairy tales.



"On its face, it seems too good to be true," said David Barnouw of the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, who has studied Frank for three decades and edited the definitive scholarly publication of her diary.

He said his primary objections to Meijer's story are that Frank would probably have been too weak from hunger and illness to tell stories shortly before her death in March

1945, and it would be an amazing coincidence that Meijer would have a memory about someone who only became well known many years later.

"But you never know," he said. "I don't dare to judge."

Frank became one of the most prominent victims of the Holocaust when the diary she kept for two years while in hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam was found after the war and published. Frank died in a 1945 typhus epidemic at Bergen Belsen, but the exact date is unknown.

Meijer yesterday rejected criticism from Hannah Pick-Goslar, a friend of Frank's who saw her at Bergen Belsen and said she was in no condition to tell stories; and from Willy Lindwer, a filmmaker who said he did not include Meijer in his Emmy Award-winning 1988 documentary about Frank because her testimony was too vague.

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When are regulations too much?

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I guess I'll never understand the fatal attraction that goes with snowmobiling in a place where there's extreme danger of an avalanche, and even worse, courting an avalanche by

driving your machine as high up the slope of a hazardous mountain as possible.

Whatever turns your propeller, I suppose. There are a lot of people who look at me as if I should be restrained after I admit I've run more than 20 marathons in my weekend warrior career. Those guys who were crushed by the avalanche last week probably thought it was crazy to run 42 kilometres without stopping. And there are times, especially around kilometre No. 40, when I

agree with them.

People die in marathons, too. And after someone dies during a marathon, a great debate churns up in its wake: Are these events really good for people? Should they be regulated? And who's to blame? Same with any kind of risky endeavour, including the Olympic luge event.

I admit my first thought after I heard about the tragic avalanche during the Big Iron Shoot-out was: Those guys are nuts and a danger to themselves and others. If they can't think

for themselves, the government should step in and think for them.

It doesn't help that the executive director of the B.C. Snowmobile Federation believes snowmobilers have a right to ignore avalanche warnings and should not therefore be subject to regulation.

Talk about a failure to think: What about the lives of those other Big Iron participants who didn't feel the need to challenge the slope of Boulder Mountain, but were caught anyway? What about the

search-and-rescue people who risked their lives in the aftermath?

But then I think about the marathon debate and believe I have a right to push my body to the limit and sort of expect someone to catch me when I fall. Same thing. And my response to regulation is the same, too — in the immortal words of Les Austin, the above-mentioned snowmobile exec: "greater education and stuff like that."

The call for greater regulation and enforcement

will be heeded. In fact, it's already been Kash Heeded — B.C.'s solicitor general says he will bring in a package of policies and regulations in time to spoil the fun for the winter of 2011. Government is always hot to control our lives, and we're just as hot to have the politicians and bureaucrats step in.

Until it's our own sport. Then it's, "Hey, we've got a right."

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Views

Want to survive a fire? Take a look up

Marketplace



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Geri and Peter Crawshaw thought they had picked out a great retirement home in Orillia, Ont., for Peter's aging mom Betty — until a fire broke out last year and she suffered major smoke inhalation. Four other residents died.

What they learned too late was, the home wasn't equipped with sprinklers — a device firefighters say is key to controlling not just flames, but smoke. Smoke is what kills most people in a fire.

"I never gave it a thought. I never looked up," said Geri Crawshaw. And who would?

But in a national survey of older nursing homes and retirement homes, CBC Marketplace discovered a patchwork of regulations when it comes to sprinklers in older homes, leaving tens of thousands of seniors with no protection.

In Ontario, three deadly fires have led to three corner's inquests, all calling for sprinklers to be installed retroactively in long-term care homes. Three times, those calls have been ignored by the Ontario government. Newly built homes must have sprinklers, but not older ones.

But sprinklers are just one thing to look for if you're considering putting

a loved one in a long-term care home. We've put together some tips to help you navigate the waters.

Visit in person. Be sure to visit the home and talk to people who live there, or who have family in the home. Do more than one tour and show up unannounced. Ask to see different floors in a home, including any locked areas. And visit at different times of day, including during meals, and at night.

Check compliance reports. Your province may have reports online for long-term care homes that will tell you about potential problems.

Ask about staffing levels. What's the staff-to-resident ratio? Does it change at night? Ask to see what the fire evacuation

plan is overnight.

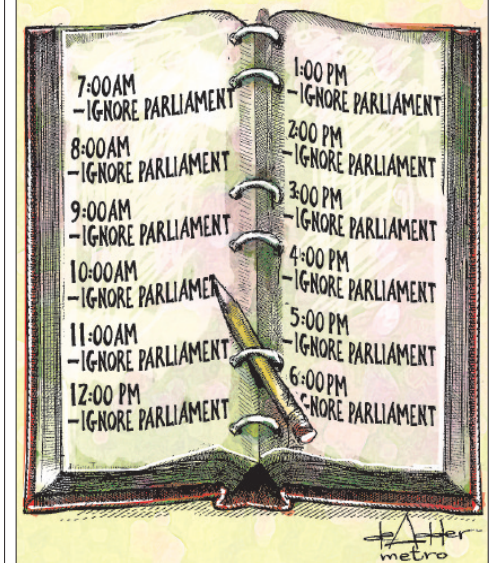
Talk to people. If the home has a family council, talk to the people who sit on the board.

Look up. If the home doesn't have sprinklers, ask why not and whether they might be installed soon. Ontario fire chiefs — and their counterparts in other provinces — have been calling for older homes to be retroactively fitted for sprinklers for years. Ask your elected politicians why that hasn't happened.

Friday on CBC Television at 8:30, watch what happens when Marketplace sets two rooms on fire — one equipped with a sprinkler, the other without.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.

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Foreign travel down

Canadian residents made 4.2 million trips outside of the country in January, 1.5 per cent fewer than in the previous month, Statistics Canada reports. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business

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Economy picking up

Foreigners are buying up Canada, the loonie is heading for parity with the American dollar and recent economic indicators are off the map. Could the recovery be out-racing expectations?

The prime minister is a

skeptical, and so too are economists at the TD Bank, who released a forecast yesterday of moderate growth for the next two years.

The bank says Canadians shouldn't get overly excited about the surprisingly strong five-per-cent fourth

quarter of 2009 jump, and likely strong numbers coming for the first three months this year.

"The basic story is the economic recovery is real," said TD's deputy chief economist Craig Alexander. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NAFTA trade drops in 2009

ECONOMY Last year's collapse of the North American auto sector caused trade with the U.S. and Mexico to suffer its worst year since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect 15 years ago, the U.S. Transportation Department said yesterday.

Although trade ended the year on a good note, it fell by 23.3 per cent overall in 2009 compared with 2008.

That marked the largest annual decrease since NAFTA went into effect in 1994 as the value of products that were shipped by truck, rail and pipeline between Canada, the United States and Mexico dropped to US\$637 billion in 2009.

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Mobile Newest player



Public Mobile Inc. CEO Alek Krstajic announces the opening of 25 stores during a press conference in Toronto yesterday. The new wireless player, Public Mobile, will launch in Toronto and Montreal in mid-May.

Growth was too fast, says Toyota

AUTOMOBILES Toyota's training of workers to maintain quality control failed to keep up with the automaker's rapid growth, company president Akio Toyoda said in an interview with a major Japanese business daily.

Toyoda, grandson of the automaker's founder, said the problem became especially acute after Toyota's global production and sales topped six million vehicles in its fiscal year 2002. Toyota's quality controls have been under fire after massive recalls starting late last year for defective gas pedals and flawed braking affecting more than eight million vehicles.

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Business in brief

MARKETING The new owners of the Chicago Cubs are working with automaker Toyota on a sponsorship deal that could put the company's logo on a sign hoisted high above the left field bleachers at Wrigley Field in time for the home opener next month. The red-coloured 16-by-22-foot Toyota sign would rise above the bleachers.

GASOLINE Motorists are paying the highest prices for gas since October 2008. Retail gasoline prices rose on yesterday on an expected increase in demand and as

more expensive spring and summer blends of gasoline make their way to the pumps.

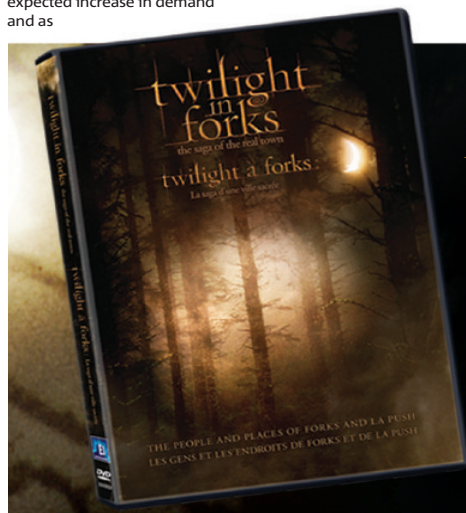
ENERGY Pure Energy Services Ltd. booked a \$3.1-million loss in the first quarter as revenues weakened alongside lower natural gas prices. That compares with a profit of \$1.5 million a year ago. Revenue from continuing operations slipped to \$37.1 million from \$40.4 million.

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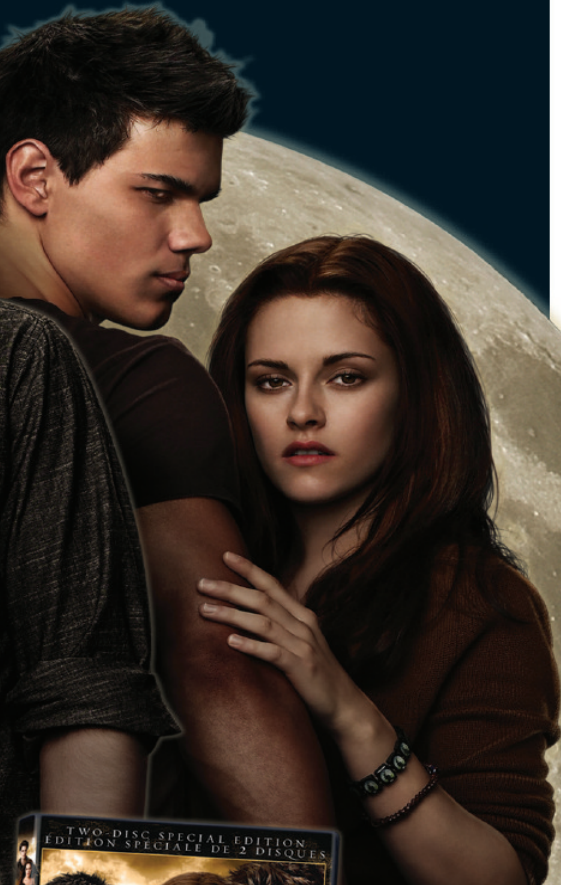
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Wake Forest edges Texas

Ishmael Smith's pull-up jumper from about 17 feet out with 1.3 seconds remaining in overtime gave ninth-seeded Wake Forest an 81-80 win over No. 8 seed Texas in the first round of the NCAA tournament Thursday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports

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Luongo staves off Sharks

NHL RESULTS

Sharks 2 Canucks 3



Roberto Luongo made 32 saves as the Vancouver Canucks beat the San Jose Sharks 3-2 on Thursday night.

Luongo redeemed himself after was pulled after the second period of an embarrassing 5-2 loss to the New York Islanders on Tuesday night.

Alexander Edler and Ryan Kesler each had a goal and an assist while Ryan Johnson, with his first goal in 82 games, also scored for Vancouver (44-24-3).

Ryan Clowe and Joe Pavelski replied for the Sharks (43-17-10), who suffered their fourth



San Jose Sharks forward Dany Heatley carries the puck around the net as Vancouver Canuck Roberto Luongo watches during first period action in Vancouver on Thursday. The Canucks won 3-2.

straight loss.

San Jose, which entered the game with outright possession of first place in the Western Conference, had beaten Vancouver in eight of nine previous meetings.

Thursday's game was the first of three Sharks-Canucks games between now and the end of the regular season.

The Sharks entered the game still smarting from an 8-2 shellacking in Dallas on Tuesday, the first time they had surrendered eight goals since 2006.

Unlike two nights earlier, the Canucks got off to a

strong start as the Sharks ran into early penalty trouble. Edler opened the scoring on a power play 8:31 into the game, putting his point shot through screened goaltender Evgeni Nabakov.

The goal came only 17 seconds after Joe Thornton was sent to the penalty box for high-sticking Alex Burrows along the boards.

Kesler put the Canucks ahead 2-0 during another power play just under four minutes later as Kyle Wellwood screened Nabakov again. The Canucks con-

verted two of three first-period power plays and outshot the Sharks 13-6 in the period.

With the clubs playing four-on-four, Clowe put the Sharks on the board four minutes into the second as he easily outmuscled, Christian Ehrhoff and then went around Luongo.

Johnson gave Vancouver a 3-1 lead at 16:48 of the second with his first goal since Jan. 28, 2009. Rick Rypien drew a rare assist for just his fourth point of the season.

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Calgary-born Owen Hargreaves made his long-awaited comeback from injury on Thursday with 45 minutes of competitive action for Manchester United's reserve team. The 29-year-old England midfielder had been out for 18 months after surgery on both knees to cure persistent tendinitis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Beautiful game helped ease ugly situation



Field of Play
Scott Russell
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Mandela, broke rocks in a quarry as punishment for opposing racial segregation. At Robben Island, the country's white minority went about the business of degrading leaders of the African National Congress, who they considered to be terrorists. "They attempted to dehumanize us from the start," Dr. Sedick Isaacs said as he walked slowly across the overgrown playing fields still baking in the hot sun and surrounded by razor wire.

"Once we got over here the guards began to assault us and told us we would never see home again." Isaacs served time at Robben Island from 1964 to 1977. He and other prisoners subsisted on meagre rations of porridge. They were regularly beaten and verbally abused by the guards. But in the paltry library, they found a FIFA rule book and devised a plan to play soccer in an organized fashion; partly as resistance, but mostly to endure. The result was the

Makana Football Association, which required every prisoner to take part as either a player or an official. The International Red Cross was an ally in pressuring Robben Island wardens to allow the men time for exercise. The prisoners responded by grading their own fields and forming a three-division league, replicating the structure of international soccer at the highest level. "Soccer was our survival," said Isaacs. "It was a moment of joy

we anticipated. Once the games were over we would relive them for the next few days, and by that time we could look forward to playing again the following Saturday." Sedick Isaacs still gets flashbacks when he returns to Robben Island. He lost much of his spirit here, along with his youth. But he has strong feelings about soccer and the common ground he cultivated with his fellow detainees. Today, Robben Island is a UNESCO World Heritage

Site. Tens of thousands are expected to visit during this summer's FIFA World Cup. While the most high-profile soccer ever played on African soil will unfold at stadiums like Green Point in Cape Town, perhaps the most significant games took place on this barren island just offshore.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

No. 13 Murray State shocks Vanderbilt

BASKETBALL Murray State coach Billy Kennedy went with his gut and drew up a play his team had never run before, with Isacc Miles the go-to guy at the end.

Third option Danero Thomas became the hero instead.

Thomas hit a 15-footer as the buzzer sounded and 13th-seeded Murray State stunned No. 4 seed Vanderbilt 66-65 on Thursday in an NCAA tournament opener in the West Regional.

"That shot was bigger than he could imagine," Murray State's B.J. Jenkins said. "It wasn't just a game-winning shot. We'll remember this for the rest of our lives."

President Barack Obama must have been onto something picking these revved-up Racers (31-4) to get past the first round. It was the school's first victory in the NCAA tournament since a 78-75 win over North Carolina State in 1988.

For the second time in as many appearances, Vanderbilt (24-9) bowed out early as the higher seed. The Commodores were also a first-round upset victim by Siena in 2008 when seeded fourth.

Other action

- Ali Farokhmanesh hit a three-pointer from the left wing with 4.9 seconds left to lift ninth-seeded Northern Iowa over UNLV.
- Marcus Morris scored 26 points, Sherron Collins added 18 and No. 1 overall seed Kansas survived a 90-74 win over scrappy Lehigh.
- Armon Bassett scored 32 points to help No. 14 seed Ohio beat Georgetown 97-83 and become the second team seeded in the teens to win.
- Shelvin Mack hit a career-high seven three-pointers and scored 18 of his 25 points after halftime Thursday, leading fifth-seeded Butler to a 77-59 victory over UTEP.

Murray State, the mid-major that came in with a dismal 1-13 all-time NCAA tournament record, will play again Saturday at HP Pavilion against Butler after it beat UTEP 77-59.

Jermaine Beal made two free throws with 12.7 seconds left to give Vandy the lead. B.J. Jenkins missed a rushed three-pointer on the other end, but the ball went



Murray State forward Danero Thomas gets off the game-winning shot over Vanderbilt guard Lance Goulbourne as the clock winds down on NCAA first-round college basketball game Thursday.

out of bounds off a Vanderbilt player with 4.2 seconds left to give Murray State the final shot.

When it went down, Murray State's players sprinted to the other end of the floor and fell into a celebratory pile beneath the basket.

"This is probably the biggest shot I've ever hit in my life," said Thomas, who wound up with 11 points, six rebounds, three steals and three blocked shots. "It

felt so good, I knew it was going in."

Vandy knew it could happen. The Commodores have been in this tough position before.

"This is what happens in March Madness," freshman guard John Jenkins said. "I didn't think it was going to happen and I had no doubt we

were going to win that game."

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NHL The NHL came down hard on James Wisniewski, handing the Anaheim Ducks defenseman an eight-game suspension Thursday for his hit on Chicago's Brent Seabrook. It's the longest suspension league disciplinary Colin Campbell has handed out this regular season and comes at a time when the NHL is under pressure to make the game safer.

NHL The Bruins wasted little time retaliating against the Pittsburgh Penguins' Matt Cooke for his blindside hit that left Boston centre Marc Savard with a Grade 2 concussion. In the teams' first meeting since Savard was hurt on March 7 in Pittsburgh, Cooke and Boston's Shawn Thornton dropped their gloves at 1:58 of the first period Thursday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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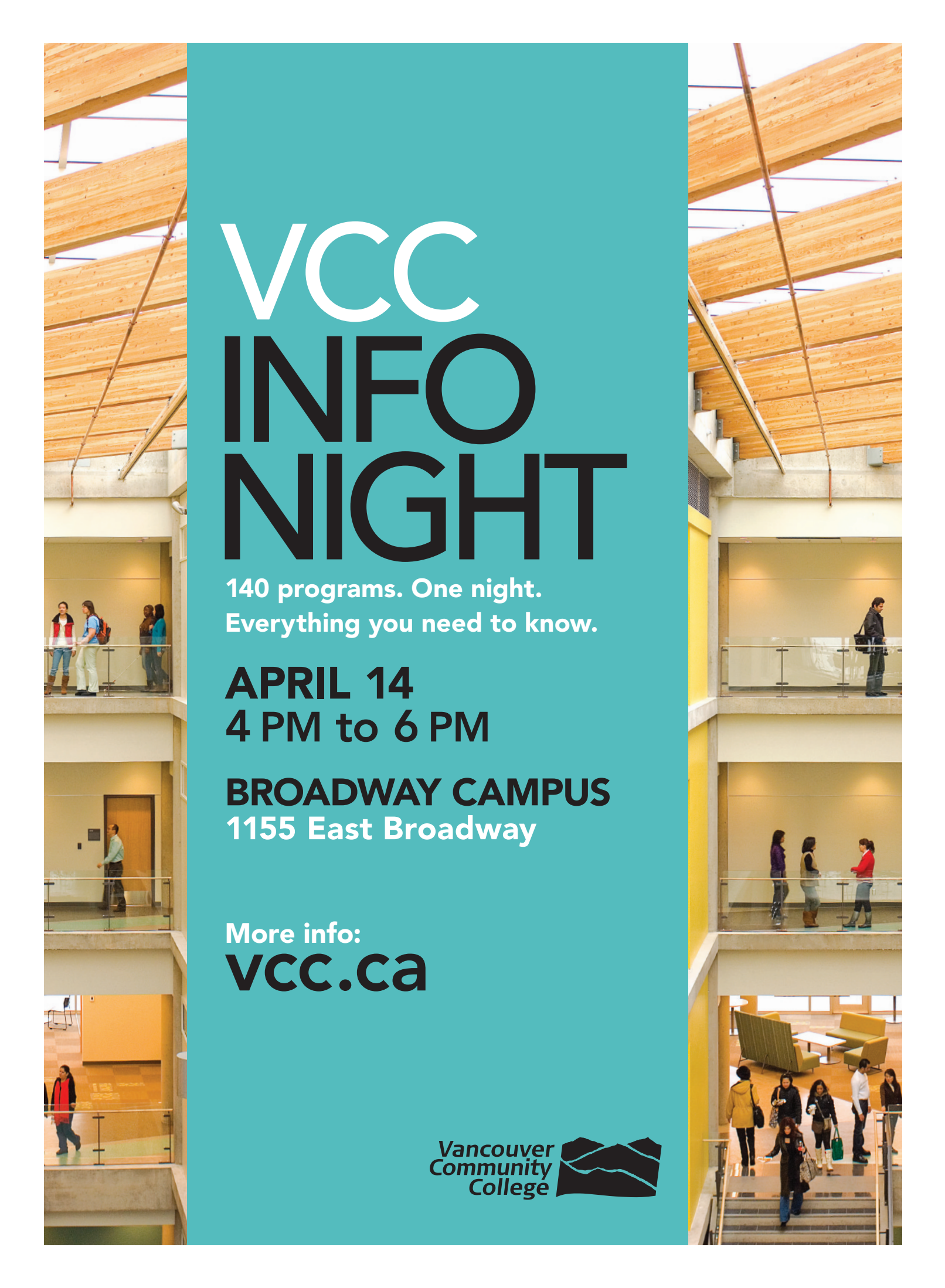
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Canada scores medal haul

Woolstencroft, McKeever among winners with a gold each

It was a heavy medal day for Canada at the Paralympics Thursday with alpine skier Lauren Woolstencroft earning her third gold of the Games with a victory in the downhill while Brian McKeever picked up his second win in cross-country.

Viviane Forest added to the total by winning the women's downhill for the visually impaired while Colette Bourgonje won a bronze in the women's five-kilometre sitting cross-country race.

The four medals Thursday made it one of the country's best days ever at a Winter Paralympics and increased Canada's gold count to six, surpassing the five won in Turin four years ago.

It also ties the six gold medals won at the 2002 Salt Lake Paralympics.

Overall, Canada has 12 medals (six gold, three silver and three bronze). Canada twice has won 15 medals at a Paralympics, in 2002 and 1998 in Nagano.

Woolstencroft's three gold are the most any Canadian has won at a single Winter Paralympics. It's also the first time the 28-year-old from North Vancouver has won the



Viviane Forest of Canada, right, and her guide Lindsay Debou celebrate their gold-medal win in the women's downhill visually impaired event at the Paralympic Games in Whistler on Thursday.

Paralympic standing downhill.

"It's just awesome," said Woolstencroft, who also won the slalom and giant-slam races. "I don't know if it's fully set in yet."

Woolstencroft, who was born without legs below the knee and no left arm below the elbow, was timed in one minute 25.54 seconds.

McKeever, who races with his brother Robin as

a guide, won the 10-kilometre classic race, with a time of 26:01.6.

More of a distance specialist, he battled in the shorter race.

"It was hard," said Brian McKeever. "We were fighting a lot out there. I wasn't totally comfortable with the pace for that distance."

For Forest, it was another gutsy performance — she won her third medal of the Paralympics skiing

with a badly pulled groin.

"I was having some tears in the gondola this morning, not sure if I would be able to do it," said the 30-year-old who lives in Edmonton. "It was a bit crazy but I found the strength somewhere."

Bourgonje, 48, of Saskatoon, picked up her second medal of the Games to go with a silver she won in the 10-kilometre race.

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Hockey loss tough to swallow for veterans

CANADA For some members of the Canadian sledge-hockey team, Thursday's stunning defeat to Japan meant they'll have to wait four more years to claim the country's second gold medal in the Paralympic event.

But for a host of players, the bronze-medal game might well be the last time they ever put on the Team Canada sweater — making the shocking loss to a sledge-hockey squad hardly considered a powerhouse one of their last on-ice memories.

Goaltender Paul Rosen, who'll turn 50 next month, reiterated his plans Thursday to hang up his skates once the tournament is over.

But Rosen said he's not leaving the team with any regrets.

"Playing for your country is the greatest honour of all-time and I wouldn't change anything, absolutely anything," he said.

Rosen is one of four players on the team over the age of 40. Herve Lord is 52, Todd Nicholson is 41 and Jean Labonte will turn 41 on Saturday. Shawn Matheson will celebrate his 38th birthday in May.

Rosen started playing sledge hockey in 2000 after his right leg was amputat-

ed above the knee and was a member of the Canadian teams that won gold in Turin in 2006 and the world championships in 2008.

Labonte, the team's captain and opening ceremonies flag-bearer, wouldn't say for certain if Friday's bronze-medal game will be his last.

"These very well might be my last Games and it's really disappointing to go out like this," said Labonte, pausing as his voice broke and he fought back tears.

"This is not how I envisioned it. This is not why I worked so hard this year to be

ready for this."

Labonte has been a member of the national team for 14 years. Nicholson and Matheson joined the Canadian team in 1989, while Lord came on board in 1991.

Defenceman Adam Dixon, who at age 20 appeared in his first Paralympics in Vancouver, said it's disappointing the elder statesmen weren't able to win gold on home soil.

"A lot of guys worked hard after Torino, stayed around for four years, worked hard and made sacrifices," he said.

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Jean Labonte, Team Canada

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Weather worries force change in ski schedule

EVENTS Weather concerns have resulted in a change to the alpine ski events at the Paralympic Winter Games.

All the super-giant slalom events will be held Friday, the Vancouver Olympic Games Organizing Committee said in a release.

Originally, just the sitting and visually impaired super-G was planned for Friday. The men's and women's standing competition was scheduled for Saturday.

The super-combined event for all categories will be held on Saturday, a day earlier than originally

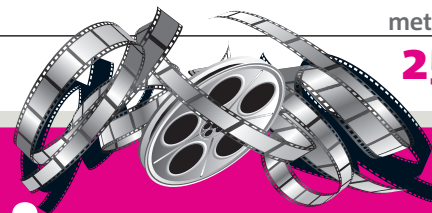
scheduled. Super combined features a downhill race in the morning followed by a slalom in the afternoon.

Snow is being forecast for Sunday, which could have put the super-combined events at risk. Sunday is the final day of Paralympic competition.

"We're adapting to the forecasted weather conditions and adjusting the schedule to ensure that the athletes are competing on a safe and world-class field of play for these final days," Tim Gayda, VANOC's vice-president of sport, said in the release.

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Bounty just fool's gold

The Bounty Hunter

Director: Andy Tennant

Stars: Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston

Classification: PG

Rating: ●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Bounty Hunter begins with Jennifer Aniston breaking free from the trunk of Gerard Butler's car. And once moviegoers see this film, the actress may consider crawling back in.

In this largely unfunny hybrid of a romantic-comedy/action flick, Butler plays Milo, an ex-cop turned bounty hunter who gets the call to track down his journalist ex-wife (Aniston) when she ditches out on a court appearance.

Thinking it will be easy

money (he knows where she lives after all), Milo traces her simply enough but soon the pair find themselves involved in a mysterious unsolved case, being chased by loan sharks and oops! Falling in love all over again!

Yes, it's as cooked up as a date movie can get but it wouldn't suffer as much had the script at least delivered a few zingers. It doesn't.

Then again, Director Andy Tennant (Fool's Gold) isn't exactly known for a subtle touch.

Even so, trying to force a marriage of car chases and romantic-comedy may be the most questionable device.

After all, here it only ensures to divorce the audience from investing in whatever mysterious affection these characters might



Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler mine for rom-com treasures in The Bounty Hunter.

feel for each other. It certainly isn't revealed through charming dialogue.

In fact, even Butler and Aniston appear to realize this concoction isn't going

anywhere and it strains their questionable on-screen chemistry.

Moreover, the absence of comedy is only heightened by a seemingly endless mix of music whose distracting

placement could possibly be mistaken as the soundtrack to an entirely different movie.

Then again, that may have been just wishful thinking on my part.

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Jude Law stars in Repo Men.

Even gore can't salvage Repo Men

Repo Men

Director: Miguel Sapochnik

Stars: Jude Law, Forest Whitaker, Alice Braga

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If you like seeing graphic close-ups of torsos being torn open to remove vital organs, then Repo Men is a movie for you.

It seems like that's all director Miguel Sapochnik was interested in filming

in his debut feature as he fills the screen with bloody entrails every few minutes.

Unfortunately Sapochnik is bored by simple pleasures like clear storytelling and compelling characters because every scene that doesn't feature gore is lazily assembled and often incomprehensible.

Set in a world where corporations specialize in producing prohibitively expensive artificial organs that require payment plans, Jude Law and Forest Whitaker star as a pair of repo men assigned to in-

voluntarily remove organs from customers who are late on payments.

The whole concept is ripped off of a Monty Python sketch, but is clever enough to deliver consistent dark comedy for about 20 minutes.

Unfortunately this is a feature length movie and once Jude Law gets his own artificial heart and faces off against his former employers, things get increasingly absurd to the point that any audience member with a brain will be forced to throw their popcorn at the screen out of sheer

frustration.

It all climaxes with one of the most ludicrous scenes ever caught on film in which Law and his new-found girlfriend make out while tearing holes in each other to scan their artificial organs into a computer.

Simply put, Repo Men is a disaster. The concept is difficult to buy from the outset and somehow manages to become even less believable with each passing second.

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How to make a Dragon movie

Directors turn book series into a 3-D fantasy adventure

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Filmmakers Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders know how to make a dragon movie. And the animators proved it by directing the newest family adventure to hit theatres — How to Train a Dragon.

In the 3-D-animated comedy (which is based on a popular series of kids' books), Canadian actor Jay Baruchel voices Hiccup, a bumbling young Viking who gains the respect of his family and friends after he trains a dragon — the dreaded enemy of the Norse (at least in this film).

So what exactly are the secrets to making an animated dragon movie? We

Movie feature

got the answers when DeBlois and Sanders (Lilo & Stitch) recently visited Toronto:

First, make good source material your own.

"The world of the books differs considerably from what we did," said DeBlois who explained that they turned the author's "iguana-sized dragon" into a menacing black monster. "We needed one that was powerful and dangerous..." (the studio) ultimately

wanted a big fantasy adventure and so the elements were there but it took some

How To Train A Dragon opens next Friday



Canadian actor Jay Baruchel plays a young Viking in *How To Train a Dragon*.

hardline decisions."

Next, find a partner.

"(Chris and I) write together and we direct together and we just act as each other's toughest critics," explained

DeBlois. "I trust his sensibility and he trusts mine ... it's like two soul musicians who write better music together than they do separately."

The film also featured more than 300 crew members working over a brief

14-month schedule. "You have like fifty scenes out there at once that are in various stages of being produced so it's a marathon," added Sanders. "You've got to keep your energy up so that's another reason to partner with somebody —

Director Chris Sanders, left, and Dean DeBlois.

there's just so much to do."

Finally, hire a great cast that includes Baruchel and Gerard Butler.

"They really worked their characters; they really want to get inside the heads of them," said DeBlois of a voice cast that also included talk-show host Craig Ferguson.

"It's a very draining thing strangely to stand in front of a microphone and do these lines over and over again and try to picture a scene that isn't really happening around you," added Sanders.

Nobody comes between Mother and son

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



FEATURE The title character of Korean director Bong Joon-Ho's new thriller *Mother* is a sexagenarian woman (Hye-Ja Kim) living in a rural town who refuses to accept that her adult son has been charged with murder.

Her increasingly frantic attempts to clear his name — in spite of mounting evidence connecting him to the killing — form the spine of one of the most accomplished and audacious films of the year.

"(Her character) is, in a way, quite typical of mothers in Korea," explains Bong, who conceived the story after the smash success of his 2006 monster movie *The Host*.

"There are a lot of things that mothers can do that the country or the society at large cannot. That was actually the reason that I omitted any sort of mother character from *The Host*: if there had been a maternal figure there, the family would not have coped with the situation so poorly. They would have behaved better."

This is not to say that Bong's protagonist is a poster girl for maternity. It's clear that her son (Won Bin) was damaged at some point in his childhood;



Hye-Ja Kim plays a mom out to clear his son's name in *Mother*.

there are aspects of his character that suggest mental illness, reminiscent of the hero of *The Host*.

Bong denies the connection, however. "I'm not particularly interested in people with mental illness," he says. "I would say that I am more interested in the less privileged members of a society. In *The Host*, [these people] help each other and work together; in *Mother*, it is the opposite. They hurt each other. That is the different and dark side of this movie."

What does link *Mother*

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Bong Joon-Ho

to Bong's earlier films (including also 2003's excellent *Memories of Murder*)

is the director's remarkable formal control: every colour has been carefully chosen for symbolic heft.

"I wanted to clearly separate the mother from all the other elements of the movie," says Bong. "So you see her red and violet clothes standing out against the desaturated blue tone. That's the son's colour — an obscure sky blue. It's a way to show that we don't really know him — even his own mother doesn't know him. I was trying for a feeling of ambiguity."

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Stiller relates to Greenberg

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ble relating to his character in *Greenberg* — Noah Baumbach's new film about a misanthropic failed musician adrift in Los Angeles after a nervous breakdown — but he insists that's just because of a monumental birthday.

"I think a lot of people could identify with what he's going through," Stiller explains, tying *Greenberg*'s neuroses to turning 40. "For me it was a big birthday — it's already a while ago. It's a point in your life when you go, 'Wow, I guess I don't have more ahead of me than I have behind me.'"

Heavy stuff for a film that's ostensibly a comedy, but it's the warped worldview of the character that interested Stiller.

"It's a classic midlife situation, but it can be very

Ben Stiller plays a failed musician in *Greenberg*.

hard for somebody who hasn't gotten to a place where they wanted to be," he says. "I think you'd be a little callous or have a pretty big sense of yourself to think that anybody's immune from that."

Midlife crisis talk aside, Stiller was mostly just happy to get a chance with writer-director Baumbach.

"I'm a very big fan of his," he says. "I would've done probably any role he sent me. Movies like that don't

come around that often."

Certainly 44-year-old Stiller, with a thriving career as an actor, a writer and a director, doesn't have to worry about relating to his character's lack of success. Everyone has goals, Stiller says, but it's important to not bog yourself down with them.

"I don't think you can do that to yourself and be a happy person. I think you

just have to have a sense of where you're at," he says. "To me, the biggest thing that I'm trying to get to is just to be OK in the moment, just be OK where I am right now. Because that's the only place that I've ever found true happiness. Anything that's result-oriented never ends up being that fulfilling because it's not in the moment. That's the lesson that I keep on getting taught and trying to learn."

Another way Stiller's been finding happiness lately is through his charity work, recently becoming one of the most vocal supporters of relief work in Haiti.

But with the earthquake that devastated the country fading from public memory, Stiller says he and his organization are working even harder to keep awareness up.

"It is hard because it's a long-term rebuilding process, and there's never been anything like this. And I think people, you know, through just natural human inclination, have to detach at a certain point," he says. "Our job is just to keep the attention there. And I think that will be in increments, like in six months saying, 'Hey, we're building this bunch of schools here,' or in a year we're going to do this fundraiser, because it is hard to keep people's attention on it."

Greenberg opens next Friday

Cooking With Stella tasty treat

Cooking With Stella

Director: Dilip Mehta
Stars: Don McKellar, Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray
Classification: STC
Rating: ****

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW This gorgeously shot, exotic fable will leave audiences entertained and hungry. And perhaps wondering why they're rooting for a thieving opportunist.

Lisa Ray and Don McKellar are Maya and Michael, a diplomat to the Canadian High Commission in Delhi, India, and her chef husband.

They arrive at the official residence to an incompressible class system and a tenured, disapproving cook named Stella (Seema Biswas). She can't hide her disdain for Michael, who stays home with the baby

while Maya works. It's not that she's sexist; she has a job to do.

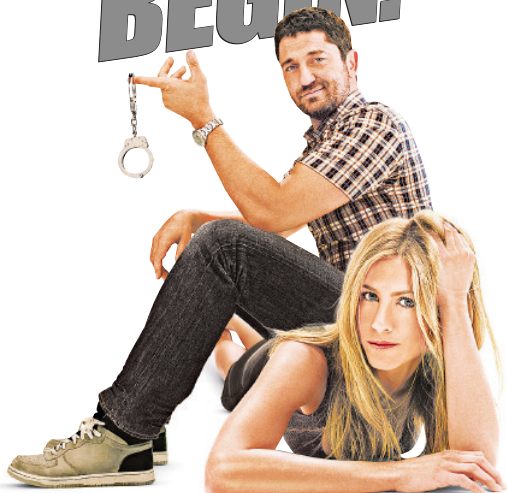
Stella's running a booming black market grocery business using High Commission food, a thirty-year old scam involving grocers, butchers, delivery people and the servantit's a reliable system that has allowed her to elude detection by the parade of diplomats that come through. At night in her humble hovel, she thanks God for the riches he bestows on her and asks forgiveness for the way she gets them.

It's a joy to watch Seema Biswas at work creating a character that is cunning, underhanded, mean and ruthless — and absolutely charming.

Dilip Mehta's love letter to Delhi is spirited, light-hearted, and lovely to look at. But it seems strangely out of sync with Stella's relentless corruption, creating a spicy dramatic tension.



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Atom power transforms Amanda

Seyfried perfect for Chloe,
Canadian director says

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



In *Chloe*, the new psychological thriller from Canadian director Atom Egoyan, Amanda Seyfried plays an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity.

Following starring roles in *Mean Girls*, *Mamma Mia* and the popular HBO show *Big Love*, this is her first real adult part. It's a complicated and showy role for the 25-year-old actress, and she credits Egoyan with pushing her to deepen the character by exploring every facet of Chloe's life.

"It's a broad spectrum of emotions the audience feels about her," she says, "and in

order to make the audience feel that way you have to play it right and in order for me to play it right I had to have Atom Egoyan.

"Mr. Egoyan," she continues, "is a genius and he's what good filmmaking is all about. I know it's going to be difficult for me to choose my next project based on what I just went through with him. It has raised the bar into a very high place."

It's obvious that Seyfried admires Egoyan, but it appears to be a mutual appreciation society. In a separate interview the director called the actress' audition "exceptional."

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal," he said. "We knew that



Amanda Seyfried, left, director Atom Egoyan and Julianne Moore on the set of *Chloe*.

from the moment we did the audition. There was just something about her. Fortunately in the intervening period she suddenly became a

star with *Mamma Mia*."

Her star was on the rise before they made the film, but on the first day Egoyan had a moment of doubt.

"I have this reputation for hiring very young actresses," he says, "and the day she arrived in Toronto I thought, 'My God, she's a child. We've

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal."

Atom Egoyan on
Amanda Seyfried

made a mistake.' But we needed the separation in age between Julianne (Moore) and her. That was really very important."

Any doubts were soon quashed when Seyfried went to work, however.

"She's a really good actress. She really grew into the role," he says.

"It's about a relationship you have with some actors. You feel like you are doing your job because you are able to ignite something they are capable of expressing. I don't mean to in any way objectify, but it's like working with a beautiful instrument. That's what she has."

Wimpy Kid mere child's play

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Director: Thor Freudenthal
Stars: Zachary Condon, Robert Capron, Chloe Moretz
Classification: STC
Rating: G

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Sometimes you have to feel sorry for pint-sized young filmgoers. There are certainly plenty of movies out there for kids, but most of them are incredibly bland exercises made by adults trying too hard to ensure that they don't offend children's delicate sensibilities.

For the most part this isn't done to please kids, but their parents who want to be sure they aren't warping young minds.

This leads to countless projects like *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid*, a film that is sweet and has its heart in the right place, but offers no surprises.

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid is about a youngster embarking on his first year in middle school. He's suddenly all too conscious of the need to seem cool and fit in, immediately embarking on a quest to raise his social status.

Of course, it all goes



Diary of A Wimpy Kid explores the pangs of middle school.

wrong and soon he's ruining amateur stage productions, fighting with bullies, working as a hall monitor, and participating in a few other kid movie clichés.

It's a slick production with some impressive work from the child actors (including Chloe Moretz, who will soon be seen taking out dozens of grown men as the world's youngest assassin in *Kick Ass*) and a nice message about individuality.

But sadly it's missing spark and creativity. Chances are some young viewers will identify with the themes and enjoy the movie, but all parents and sharper kids are sure to

find it bland and slightly condescending.

There's nothing wrong with simple and inoffensive children's filmmaking, but just because viewers are young doesn't mean that they don't deserve originality.

An argument could be made that the inexperienced audiences for movies like this won't know what they're missing out on, which is probably true.

But kids still deserve better. Many talented people clearly worked on *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid*, it's just a shame that no one bothered to think of any new ideas.

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Dakota Fanning

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Rating: ****

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's no denying that *The Runaways* broke open the doors for many a female rocker to walk through. In fact, it seems shocking that until 1975 there hadn't even been an all-girl rock act on the scene.

However outside of that eyebrow-raising factoid, *The Runaways*' history is highlighted by little outside the conventional rock 'n' roll rags-to-riches-to-rags story. That's perhaps the biggest hurdle for the band's cinematic name-sake.

Directed by Canadian-bred music video wunderkind Floria Sigismondi, *The Runaways* stares down the brief band life of future I Love Rock 'N' Roll hitmaker Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and 15-year old singer Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning).



Kristen Stewart, left, and Dakota Fanning find their rock soul in *The Runaways*.

Surging with teenage sexuality and angst, each are misfits until they meet up through the music.

But as their band swiftly reaches stardom (they were actually huge in Japan), drugs, booze and exploitation take its toll on young egos and identities.

Loosely adapting Currie's 1989 autobiography, Sigismondi has insisted she

aimed to reveal an important coming-of-age story.

But that only causes one to question why she then excised a sexual abuse experience that was pivotal to Currie's motivations. Or, for that matter, why she focused instead on making *The Runaways* one giant music video. To that end, *The Runaways* is a marvel. Stylish, slick and at a snappy pace,

Sigismondi keeps the music raging and the nostalgia flowing.

The film will gather fans of a generation of moviegoers who've grown-up distanced from the '70s but in the end, *The Runaways* celebrates the girls' music more than anything. The central problem there is, how many songs of theirs can you name?

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy *Alice In Wonderland*. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a

technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

The Crazies

REVIEW *The Crazies* — director Breck Eisner's intense remake of George A. Romero's same named 1973 thriller —

deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant (mining his iron jawed lawman character from HBO's *Deadwood*) as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie." Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Shutter island

REVIEW *Shutter Island* sees Martin Scorsese taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project.

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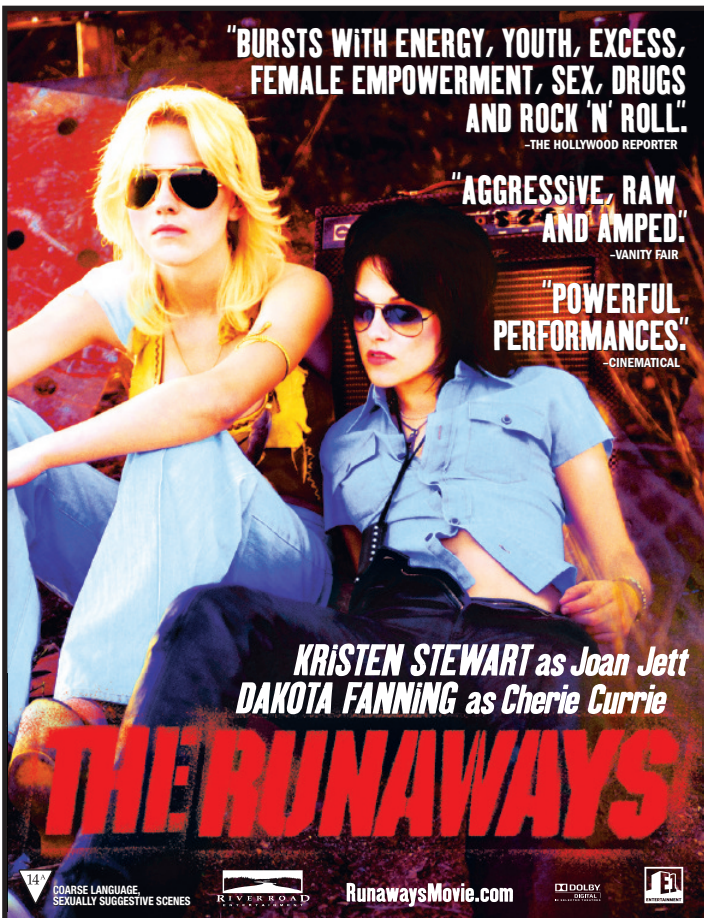
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Nobody likes repo men. Repossession agents are dream killers who prey on people who fail to make payments or default on loans, but, sadly, in these times of economic hardship business is boom-

ing.

There are even repo recruitment websites — you don't need a formal education, they say, but a "certain level of detective skill" is considered a bonus.

But it's not just in the real world that recovery professionals are in a growth industry.

On screen repo representatives are also making a comeback. In this weekend's Repo Men Jude Law and Forest Whitaker play agents who specialize in reclaiming artificial organs from deadbeats who fall behind on the payments and doing the festival circuit is Repo Chick, the sister film to Alex Cox's much loved 1984 cult hit Repo Man.

"The life of a repo man is always intense," says Repo Man actor Tracey Walter. So is the movie.

Roger Ebert described it as "...a little weirdo fun. It is the first movie I know about that combines (1) punk teenagers, (2) automobile repossessors, and (3) aliens from outer space."

A few years ago a group of Los Angeles Times writers deemed the strange story the eighth best film set in Los Angeles in the last 25 years and its odd mix of punk rock ethos and droll humor has also inspired several other artists.

Terry Pratchett's novel

Reaper Man is named in tribute and a graphic novel called Waldo's Hawaiian Holiday is a semi-sequel to the film.

The official sequel, Repo Chick directed by Cox, is awaiting release. It sees the original premise expanded to include not only cars but "boats, houses, aeroplanes, small nations... children."

Variety said its "wacky blend of leftist, anti-establishment politics, eye-searing colors, outrageous costumes and manic overacting... could be likened to what you would get if Michael Moore directed an episode of the Nick Jr. kiddie series Lazy Town."

And finally, a little more straightforward than Repo Man's dark social satire, or Paris Hilton's unhinged Repo! The Genetic Opera, is Repo Jake a dirty little b-movie about a hot rod driver (Dan Grizzly Adams Haggerty) who becomes a retrieval specialist in the hopes of living a quiet life. His plans go awry when he repossesses a vicious crime lord's car.

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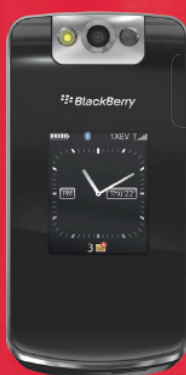


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Music

Slash and burn

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Something feels weird when I walk into Slash's hotel suite, and it takes me a few minutes to realize what it is. It's ... immaculate.

No empty bottles of JD, piles of drug paraphernalia, dusty mirrors or half-naked groupies passed out in the corner. There isn't even any cigarette smoke. Instead, there's a very buff Slash, replete in his trademark leather top hat and sunglasses, sampling from a tray of fresh fruit and mineral water. It's 11:30 a.m. — early by rock star standards — but he's already been to the gym.

"How you doin', bro?" he asks with a firm handshake and flawless smile. "Please. Have a seat." He takes a spot on a sofa and leans forward, obviously eager to talk about what he's been up to.

I look around the room again. "So it's true. You HAVE quit smoking. No drugs, no drinking and now no smoking? It wasn't the

Chilean earthquake that



Slash's solo debut includes guest vocals from Iggy Pop, Kid Rock and Fergie.

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knocked the earth off its axis. I think it's you. You have meddled with the primal forces of rock 'n' roll, Mr. Slash."

He smiles sort of sheepishly. "Yeah, it's been 10 months since I've had a cigarette, which is the same amount of time that I quit during Velvet Revolver. So far, it's been good, although something could happen any second."

On April 6, Slash will release his first solo album, a self-titled project featuring an impressive array of guests vocalist that include the usual suspects (Ozzy, Iggy, Lemmy), some unusual choices (Kid Rock, Adam Levine from Maroon 5, Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas) and even a couple of old Gunners (Iggy, Duff). And, of course, Dave Grohl shows up on drums on one song.

"I wrote the music with specific voices in mind. When the music was done, I contacted the people I thought should sing the songs. They wrote the lyrics and the vocal melodies and then we recorded."

He's quick to sing the praises of people like Fergie and Levine. "She's a rock chick at heart and she's better than a lot of dudes out there. Adam came in and did this great falsetto performance in one take. He's amazing."

Slash already has a band together (featuring a couple of Canadians players) and a tour is set to start next month. He's pumped about it.

No GnR reunion, ever?

"Why?" he says. "What would be the point?"

A '90s rock revival

Canadian rockers team up to form Crash Karma

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

The '90s weren't exactly the golden age of Canadian rock.

A few bands, however, did make an impact. Among them were I Mother Earth, The Tea Party, and Our Lady Peace.

So when former members of those three bands get together to create a new one it's probably worth having a listen.

That's exactly what rock radio programmers did late last year when a new song, Awake, landed unexpectedly on their doorsteps.

Awake was by an unsigned band called Crash Karma, but it sounded familiar — a bit like all three of those previously mentioned bands, as a matter of fact.

Which makes sense since Crash Karma is comprised of Edwin, former singer for I Mother Earth, Mike Turner, former guitarist for Our Lady Peace and Jeff Burrows, former drummer of The Tea Party. The bass and much of the songwriting duties are supplied by Amir Epstein, a former member of the lesser known Toronto band Zygote.

Familiarity bred popularity and Awake quickly achieved Top 10 status on Canadian rock charts.

When Awake first hit the airwaves, the four members of Crash Karma had been handling things pretty much on their own. They had entered Turner's Toronto recording studio with some song ideas from Epstein and worked them into an album's worth of music. They hired a guy to



Crash Karma consists of '90s rock veterans Edwin (I Mother Earth), Mike Turner (Our Lady Peace), Jeff Burrows (The Tea Party), and Amir Epstein (Zygote). The band's self-titled debut is now out.

shop Awake around the radio stations, but still didn't have a manager let alone a recording contract.

Former Canadian Idol judge Jake Gold offered the band his managerial expertise after hearing the track. Record labels soon followed.

Earlier this week, Crash Karma released its debut full-length on the E1 label and is getting ready to head out on a cross-Canada tour intended to hone the band's live act in outlying clubs before taking on major centres like Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

"Sometimes in life you just put things in motion and they have a charmed way of working out them-

"Sometimes in life you just put things in motion and they have a charmed way of working out themselves."

Edwin

selves," Edwin says.

The story of the band's formation is just as happenstance. Edwin was working as a celebrity bartender at the Tattoo Rock Parlour in downtown Toronto when he got a call from Epstein, asking if he was interested in co-writing some songs.

At that first meeting, Epstein started talking about

getting together with Burrows and Turner, with whom he had done some studio work. Epstein suggested — perhaps, a bit deceptively — that Turner and Burrows were already on side. He then went to Turner and Burrows, suggesting Edwin was already on side.

"It wasn't really deception," Erwin says. "He was just hoping that he could make it happen. It was his confidence that pulled it off."

In Concert

• Crash Karma plays the The Venue on April 7.

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Glee's Mays to star in Smurfs

Glee's Jaimie Mays will pair with Neil Patrick Harris in Sony's planned feature Smurfs. Mays, who plays Emma Pillsbury on the Fox series, will star opposite Harris as his pregnant wife in the movie that blends live action and animation. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Kat Von D for Sephora eye colour palette**

BEAUTY Created by Kat

Von D, tattoo artist, reality-TV star, and owner of High Voltage Tattoo, this electric eye colour collection exemplifies the L.A. vibe. Kat is a genius with the gun but she's also a master of make-up. Grab this palette at Sephora and unleash your inner artist.

**2 Justin Bieber**

ARTIST The Canadian teen singer is all the rage. He is officially the most tweeted topic in social media circles. And Bieber-mania may reach new heights once his new album My World 2.0 releases next week. Consider yourself warned.

3 The Twilight Saga: New Moon

DVD Nothing says puppy love more than bare fangs. In Twilight's second coming, Forks, Wash. teen Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) finds herself

caught in a love triangle with vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). If the film is not enough, two-disc DVD edition gives you plenty of behind-the-scenes fodder to swoon over. It will be available on DVD Saturday.

**4 Jessica Simpson's The Price of Beauty**

TV The singer and former Newlyweds reality-TV star made her return to the small screen with her new series. This time Simpson travels the globe with two friends to examine people's efforts to measure up to their society's standard of beauty.

5 Tiger Woods

CELEBRITY Not only was the golfer finally photographed with his wife for the first time since his sex scandal broke last November, but he also announced he'll return to golf course for the Masters in April. Hopefully his performance on the green is better than his televised apology.

6 Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang

BOOKS Fans of late-night TV host Chelsea Handler will want to check out her latest tome, a no-holds-barred account of the ridiculousness of life — all handled with a dose of biting wit.

**7 The Runaways**

FILM Wanna know how women rock out? Then check out this in-your-face biopic about the '70s all-girl band that broke the rules and spawned hits like Cherry Bomb. Hamilton native and director Floria Sigismundi keeps it real and raw and stars Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning shine as original riot girls Joan Jett and Cherie Currie.

Mix of Six**Alannah Myles**

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: River Rock Show Theatre, Richmond

Alannah Myles, whose 1990 hit Black Velvet won her a Grammy Award, will be in Richmond to kick off a summer tour. Tix: starting at \$49. Info: ticketmaster.ca.

Climb the Wall

When: Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel

The B.C. Lung Association's annual Climb The Wall event challenges participants to climb 48 storeys to raise money for programs. Info: stairclimb.ca.

Norm MacDonald

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Red Robinson Show Theatre, Coquitlam

Homegrown standup comic Norm MacDonald, who shot to fame as the Weekend Update anchor on Saturday Night Live for sev-

eral years, will be performing live.

Egypt by Arabesque

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC

Explore the essence of legendary Egyptian artist Oum Kalthoum's music and choreography. Info: ticketmaster.ca.

Devendra Banhart

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St.

American-born, Venezuelan-raised indie-folk musician Devendra Banhart will be in Vancouver promoting his latest album, What Will We Be. Info: ticketmaster.ca.

Paralympic Games

When: Sunday, 7 p.m.
Where: B.C. Place

The Paralympic Closing Ceremonies will be broadcast live in English and French across Canada on CTV.



Actors Jaime Campbell Bower (left) and Cameron Bright are part of a gang of bloodsuckers in New Moon.

Bright intimidates as New Moon's vampiric Alec

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



FILM Amidst its gooey layers of romantic delirium, last year's box office igniting Twilight sequel New Moon (arriving on DVD and Blu-ray this Saturday) had a few welcome additions to its vampire riddled mythology.

One was the introduction of a pack of testosterone powered werewolves; the other — more effective — bonus was the appearance of the dreaded Volturi, a black cloaked sect of ruthless, red-eyed aristocratic bloodsuckers led by Oscar-nominated actor Michael Sheen (Frost/Nixon).

Hidden among the Volturi's pasty faced ranks was actor Cameron Bright. If the name doesn't immediately jump out at you, the face

just might. Bright, now 17, is the former child star of such thrillers as the 2004 sci-fi shocker Godsend and the over the top 2006 film Running Scared. In New Moon, he plays Alec, a powerful vampire who — like his intimidating brethren — is neither good nor evil. "I see the Volturi as the government," says Bright. "They're the leaders of the vampire nation, the ones who enforce the laws. And if you're a leader you have to make difficult decisions, sometimes, and you have to be strong... and feared."

And fear is what the Volturi trade in. Bright's Alec is at first glance, an almost cherubic figure, but one who wields the lethal ability to completely shut off his victims' senses, rendering them virtual vegetables.

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Conan O'Brien has been presented with an outline for a deal to establish a late night show at Fox, according to The Hollywood Reporter. No official offer has been made. EW.COM

Television

Actors take to the studio in a new season

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

James Lipton is legendary for the in-depth research he puts into every interview on Inside The Actors Studio.

But to hear him tell it, the secret to the TV show's success is the stuff he can't prepare for.

"We don't do pre-interviews with our guests. So when we meet on stage, it's for the first time. It's like a high wire act without a net," says Lipton, who begins his 16th season of hosting the Bravo series Sunday.

"The interviews are like self-portraits. The questions are meant to provoke an honest response. So I decided early on there would be no pre-interview. It forces us into a conversa-

tion."

Still, as conversations go, Inside The Actors Studio can be pretty intense. Lipton claims he works two weeks, 14 hour days, in compiling that notorious stack of 400 question cards he uses during each and every interview.

"I sleep only a few hours a night, so that helps," says Lipton, who conducts the interviews in front of students from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York.

"But I edit the show as well. You only see a portion of the interview. Sometimes they go four hours and I have to personally shut it down. Otherwise, they'd go all night."

"The record was Barbra

Streisand. She went to two-thirty in the morning."

This season's interviews are an eclectic mix that kicks off with

Bon Jovi, to writer/director Judd Apatow (Superbad), to the voice cast of TV's Family Guy.

Lipton — whose age is listed in various sources as a surprising 83 — prefers to keep his birthday a mystery.

"This business is very ageist," says Lipton, whose six-plus decade resume includes stints as a poet, novelist, Broadway lyricist, soap opera writer, and actor.

"In my early acting days, I used to be considered for leading man parts. Perhaps it's coming back to haunt me."

Inside The Actors Studio returns for its 16th season on Bravo! on Sunday.



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director James Cameron (Avatar). After that, those subjecting themselves to Lipton's scrutiny include everyone from the band



James Lipton hosts a new season of Inside The Actors Studio.

In the spotlight

Guest line up

- James Cameron (Sunday)
- Kate Hudson (Sunday, March 28)
- The cast Family Guy (April 4)
- Amy Poehler (April 11)
- Judd Apatow (April 18)

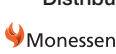
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12 won ton wrappers

Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.
MIX first 4 ingredients.
LINE each of 12 muffin cups

sprayed with cooking spray with 1 won ton wrapper, allowing edges of wrappers to extend over tops.
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Serve warm.

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Battle of the Blades hits Sweden

The stage is set for retired Toronto Maple Leafs star Mats Sundin to join Battle of the Blades. Now it's just a matter of convincing the longtime NHLer to take part.

The show's executive producer John Brunton says the massively popular CBC-TV series, which begins shooting a second season in Toronto this summer, is bound for Sweden after inking its first deal to bring the Canadian format overseas.

"There's tons of great superstar hockey players in

Sweden, even going back to our Maple Leaf Borje Salming," Brunton says of possible Swede contestants.

"Would we love to get Mats Sundin involved in our project in Sweden in some capacity, whether it's as a judge, or a skater, or in some way, shape or form? That would be a home run for us."

But it's early going yet. Brunton says the deal with Swedish distributor Sparks Network was finalized last week, and prospects for a Swedish

Battle have yet to be determined.

However, he says the Swedish format would follow Canada's lead from last year, when former NHLers including Tie Domi, Claude Lemieux and Bob Probert were turned into unlikely sequined sensations by pairing them with champion ice dancers in weekly competitions.

Former Edmonton Oiler



Mats Sundin

Craig Simpson and figure skater Jamie Sale won the inaugural competition, which featured Hockey Night In Canada's Ron MacLean and former skating champ Kurt Browning as hosts.

Swedish defenceman Alex Edler predicted the show could have legs in hockey-crazy Sweden.

"I think they'll (Swedish TV audiences) enjoy it if they get some good hockey players on there," Edler said during a Vancouver Canucks practice.

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	290	382	9	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	House "Remorse" (CC)	CBC News: The National (N)	Love, Hate and Propaganda	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	National	
family sports news	502	390	9	NW	Love, Hate and Propaganda	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Hockey	The Ultimate	SportsCentre	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	
	500	500	9	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Hockey	The Ultimate	SportsCentre	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre		
	407	419	2	RSP	Saturday Night Poker	Wings at Edmonton Oilers.	Wings at Edmonton Oilers.	UFC	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	
	400	400	9	TSN	(6:30) NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)	Flashpoint "Custody"	Flashpoint "Custody"	Law & Order (CC)	Spectacle: Elvis	Love-Death	G-Spot (CC)	
	552	543	9	YTV	ICarly "Quit! Carly" (CC)	ICarly "Date a Bad Boy"	ICarly "Date a Bad Boy"	That's Weird	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline	
	555	545	9	TEL	Star Wars	Star Wars	Star Wars	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	Futurama	
	268	354	9	KNO	Yoho National Park	Poirot (N) (CC)	Poirot (N) (CC)	Dalziel & Pascoe (CC)	StartUp.com *** (2001) (CC)	StartUp.com *** (2001) (CC)	StartUp.com	
	575	583	9	CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT's Greatest	Funnies Home Videos	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	
	515	520	9	A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds "Normal"	(01) Criminal Minds (CC)	(01) Criminal Minds (CC)	(01) Criminal Minds (CC)	(01) Criminal Minds (CC)	
	521	560	2	THC	Four Weddings (N) (CC)	What Not to Wear (CC)	What Not to Wear (CC)	Four Weddings (CC)	What Not to Wear "Amanda"	Weddings	Trailer Park	
cable variety	616	522	9	SHO	Relic Hunter (CC)	Beyond Loch Ness (2008) Brian Krause, Don S. Davis, (CC)	Beyond Loch Ness (2008) Brian Krause, Don S. Davis, (CC)	Brian Krause, Don S. Davis, (CC)	Pure Pwnage	Kenney vs.	Kenney vs.	
	294	650	9	TBS	(6:00) Sahara *** (2005) Steve Zahn, (CC)	(4:40) The Librarian: Quest for the Spear *** (2004, Action)	(4:40) The Librarian: Quest for the Spear *** (2004, Action)	(4:40) The Librarian: Quest for the Spear *** (2004, Action)	(4:40) Sahara *** (2005)	(4:40) Sahara *** (2005)	(4:40) Sahara *** (2005)	
	503	561	9	FN	Diners, Drive	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen	Breaking Bad "Grilled"	Breaking Bad (CC)	Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull	Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull	
	-	-	9	AMC	Breaking Bad "Grilled"	Breaking Bad "Grilled"	Breaking Bad "Grilled"	Breaking Bad (CC)	Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull	Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull	Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull	
	320	621	9	CEN	(6:20) Coralline *** (2009)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	Angels & Demons *** (2009) Tom Hanks, (CC)	
	581	566	9	MTV	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
SATURDAY 3/20/10	251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	
	250	321	9	CTV	W5 (CC) (DVS)	Flashpoint "Custody"	Flashpoint "Custody"	Law & Order (CC)	Spectacle: Elvis	Love-Death	G-Spot (CC)	
	252	336	6	CTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	Ice Blues (2008, Mystery) Chad Allen. Premiere. (CC)	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	Love-Death	G-Spot (CC)	News Final	
	256	389	2	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	Kool Countdown	Bravo/FACT	Crusoe	
	253	359	9	CITY	cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	The Saddest Music in the World *** (2003) (CC) (DVS)	CSI: NY "Rain" (CC)	CSI: NY "Rain" (CC)	
	-	-	4	CW	The Office	The Office	Life as a House *** (2001, Drama) Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas. (CC)	Life as a House *** (2001, Drama) Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas. (CC)	Life as a House *** (2001, Drama) Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas. (CC)	Life as a House *** (2001, Drama) Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas. (CC)	Life as a House *** (2001, Drama) Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas. (CC)	
	289	381	9	CBS	KIRO News: Special Edition	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Nation Remem.	48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)	KIRO 7 News	KIRO 7 News	
	287	379	9	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Godsend *** (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear.	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	Castle "Nanny McDead"	News	Most Wanted	
	288	380	2	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist. (CC)	Castle "Nanny McDead"	News	Most Wanted	
	290	382	9	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted	News	Most Wanted	
family sports news	502	390	9	NW	The 40 Year Secret (CC)	National	National	National	National	The 40 Year Secret (CC)	National	
	500	500	9	CNN	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	National	National	National	The 40 Year Secret (CC)	National	
	407	419	2	RSP	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Taped)	Curling	UFC Countdown	UFC Countdown	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Poker	Poker	
	400	400	9	TSN	Curling	Curling	SportsCentre	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	
	552	543	9	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funnies Home Videos	That's Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	
	555	545	9	TEL	Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith *** (2005)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	Ewan McGregor. Premiere. (CC)	
	268	354	9	KNO	National Geographic	Heartbeat "Pass the Parcel"	Heartbeat "Pass the Parcel"	Midsummer Murders The murder of a dinner guest. (N) (CC)	Midsummer Murders The murder of a dinner guest. (N) (CC)	Midsummer Murders The murder of a dinner guest. (N) (CC)	Midsummer Murders The murder of a dinner guest. (N) (CC)	
	575	583	9	CMT	Lady	Reid	The Show "Talkin' Bout	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Gilmore Girls (CC)	
	515	520	9	A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami "Bombshell"	CSI: Miami "Bombshell"	(01) CSI: Miami (CC)	(01) CSI: Miami (CC)	(01) CSI: Miami (CC)	(01) CSI: Miami (CC)	
	521	560	2	THC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	
cable variety	616	522	9	SHO	Slings and Arrows (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008) Sara Rue. (CC)	
	294	650	9	TBS	Rush Hour 3 *** (2007, Action)	Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.	Four Brothers *** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	Four Brothers *** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	Four Brothers *** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	Four Brothers *** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	Four Brothers *** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	
	503	561	9	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)	Hell's Kitchen (CC)	Gourmets	Gourmets	Chopped "Against the Tide"	Nightmares	The Crew	
	-	-	9	AMC	(5:00) Dances With Wolves *** (1990) Kevin Costner.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang *** (2005) Robert Downey Jr.	
	320	621	9	CEN	(6:25) Monsters vs. Aliens	Assassination of a High School President	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins *** (2008, Comedy) (CC)	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins *** (2008, Comedy) (CC)	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins *** (2008, Comedy) (CC)	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins *** (2008, Comedy) (CC)	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins *** (2008, Comedy) (CC)	
	581	566	9	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex Wars	1 girl 5 guys	Movie Night	Peak Season	Peak Season	

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
SUNDAY 3/21/10	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Ring of Fire" (N)	Facing Ali (2009) George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper. (CC)	Facing Ali (2009) George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper. (CC)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Human Target "Corner Man"	CBC News: The National	News	
	250	321	9	CTV	Paralympics	The Amazing Race 16 (N)	The Amazing Race 16 (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Human Target "Corner Man"	CBC News: The National	News	
	252	336	6	CTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)	Law & Order (N) (CC)	Survivorman (CC) (DVS)	
	256	389	2	VI	TMZ (N) (CC)	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)	Undercover Boss (N) (CC)	Undercover Boss (N) (CC)	Law & Order (N) (CC)	Survivorman (CC) (DVS)	
	253	359	9	CITY	Better Off	Better Off	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	
	-	-	4	CW	Boston Legal (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
	289	381	9	CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)	The Amazing Race 16 (N)	The Amazing Race 16 (N)	Undercover Boss (N) (CC)	Undercover Boss (N) (CC)	Cold Case "Flashover" (N)	KIRO 7 News	
	287	379	9	NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)	Minute to Win It (N) (CC)	Minute to Win It (N) (CC)	The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)	The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)	James Oliver's Food	KING 5 News	
	288	380	2	ABC	Figure Skating Thin Ice.	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	
	290	382	9	FOX	"Til Death	"Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Tucson	News	
family sports news	502	390	9	NW	9/11 Phone Calls (N) (CC)	Mansbridge	Mansbridge	Mansbridge	Mansbridge	Mansbridge	Mansbridge	
	500	500	9	CNN	Newsroom	State of the Union	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Newsroom	State/Union	
	407	419	2	RSP	MMA Conn	UFC Live: Vera vs. Jones	UFC Live: Vera vs. Jones	UFC Live: Vera vs. Jones	UFC Live: Vera vs. Jones	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Ult. Fighter	
	400	400	9	TSN	Curling	Curling	SportsCentre	30 for 30 (CC)	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline	
	552	543	9	YTV	(6:00) Ice Age *** (2002)	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Ghost	
	555	545	9	TEL	Totally Spies "Totally Busted!" (CC)	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	
	268	354	9	KNO	Science of Dogs (CC)	The Royal (N) (CC)	The Royal (N) (CC)	Prime Suspect	Prime Suspect	Prime Suspect	Prime Suspect	
	575	583	9	CMT	Meet-Wilsons	Wilsons	Star Crossed	Star Crossed	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Funnies Home Videos	Hope & Faith	
	515	520	9	A&E	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	
	521	560	2	THC	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)	
cable variety	616	522	9	SHO	Crash & Burn (CC)	Premontion (2004, Suspense)	Casper Van Dien. (CC)	Casper Van Dien. (CC)	Casper Van Dien. (CC)	Damages (N) (CC)	Damages (N) (CC)	
	294	650	9	TBS	(1:30) 300 *** (2007, Action)	Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. (CC)	(1:30) 300 *** (2007, Action)	Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. (CC)	(1:30) 300 *** (2007, Action)	Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. (CC)	(1:30) 300 *** (2007, Action)	
	503	561	9	FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)	Restaurant Makeover (CC)	Eat to Save	Eat to Save	Iron Chef America (CC)	Dinner	Dinner	
	-	-	9	AMC	Breaking Bad "No Mas"	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	(02) Breaking Bad (CC)	
	320	621	9	CEN	Ghosts of Girlfriends Past	Management *** (2008) Jennifer Aniston.	(35) Cadillac Records *** (2008) Adrien Brody. (CC)	(35) Cadillac Records *** (2008) Adrien Brody. (CC)	(35) Cadillac Records *** (2008) Adrien Brody. (CC)	(35) Cadillac Records *** (2008) Adrien Brody. (CC)	(35) Cadillac Records *** (2008) Adrien Brody. (CC)	
	581	566	9	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	

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Marie Osmond returned to the stage in Las Vegas with brother Donny just 11 days after the tragic death of her son, Michael Bryan, but the star is finally taking some extra time off to mourn her loss, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Blind siding Ms. Bullock

AND AFTER THAT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ABOUT PICKING THE RIGHT GUY ... DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE ILL? Sandra Bullock is reportedly set to split from husband Jesse James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress has been left heartbroken by allegations the motorcycle enthusiast cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle (Bombshell) McGee and friends say there is now no way

back for the couple.

A source told America's OK! magazine, "Sandra is devastated. Jesse has tried to smooth things over with her, but to no avail. She's still leaving him."

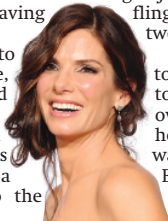
According to People magazine, the 45-year-old beauty left the marital home on Monday and has since cancelled a planned trip to the

UK next week to promote her movie *The Blind Side* — the film which won her the Best Actress Oscar.

On Wednesday, it was alleged James had enjoyed a fling with mother-of-two Michelle.

She claimed he had told her his marriage to the actress was over and romanced her while Bullock was away filming *The Blind Side*.

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Daughter of a preacher man

THE WHITE GOWN GOES ON AND RELIGIOUS ROOTS COME OUT Katy Perry wants to get married in a church, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose parents Mary and Keith Hudson are both Christian pastors — reportedly told her fiancé, British comedian Russell Brand, she wanted to tie the knot at a location close to her Los Angeles home, but turned down his suggestion of a

recording studio at the Sunset Marquis hotel.

"Russell has been visiting the hotel for years and it is steeped in rock 'n' roll history," a source told the Daily Mirror newspaper.

"It's in the middle of West Hollywood, but it has beautiful gardens and you feel like you are in some kind of tranquil paradise." Katy was keen,

but when it was suggested they could have their blessing in one of the recording studios, she put her foot down.

Although his request was rejected, 34-year-old Russell — who originally wanted to marry in India, where they got engaged on New Year's Eve — was not too upset and has told Katy, 25, he is willing to go along with her ideas for her dream day.

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He didn't go down the Hall way

BUT THERE MAY BE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Director Sam Mendes is slamming a British tabloid report that his marriage to Kate Winslet ended because of an affair with British actress Rebecca Hall, us-magazine.com reports.

Following Monday's announced breakup of Winslet, 34, and Mendes, 44, after seven years of marriage, Britain's Daily Mail newspaper claimed that Mendes and Hall became romantically involved after meeting in

2006.

A rep for Mendes calls the charge "utter nonsense ... untrue and ridiculous." The Vicky Cristina Barcelona star, Hall, 27, worked with Mendes on the 2006 indie Starter for 10 (which Mendes produced) and has collaborated on various theater

projects.

Sources have told Us Weekly that it wasn't infidelity but career-related issues that caused Winslet and Mendes' marriage to unravel.

Mendes found his wife "overbearing" while they filmed Revolutionary Road together in 2007.

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Organic Liaisons of the Third Kind

WELL, SCIENTOLOGISTS DO SEEM TO HAVE A WEIRD OBSESSION WITH FOOD ... JUST SAYING Kirstie Alley is striking back after she says she was blindsided on *The Today Show* this week with a question about whether her new weight-loss program is connected to Scientology, people.com reports.

"That I would need to clarify or defend the intentions or affiliations of my LLC business corporation in the year 2010 is indicative of the intolerances that we as a country

still need to overcome," Alley, 59, said Wednesday after a private screening of her new A&E reality show *Kirstie Alley's Big Life*.

"However, after *The Today Show* brought fringe bigotry and intolerance into the forefront of the national media I feel compelled to clarify (myself)."

The actress, who has been involved in Scientology for the past 30 years, says the suggestion that the diet program, *Organic Liaison*, is a front for Scientology is "not true."

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Madonna and child

SHE'S RICH, SHE'S POWERFUL, SHE'S GOT THE BODY OF A 24-YEAR-OLD. WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO PLAY TOO? It looks like Madonna may have another young male model taking up her time.

The singer was spotted at a private party at a photo gallery in L.A. with model Adam Senn, according to *In Touch* — and Jesus Luz was nowhere in sight. "She arrived with Adam from the back and sat in the VIP area," a source says.

"At one point, she got

up and started dancing, and he was grabbing her waist and touching her butt. She turned around and gave him a lap dance and he looked like the happiest guy in the world."

Madonna reportedly made sure no photos were taken of the two together.

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WYCLEF JEAN is trying to ignore what people say about him, **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** can't believe the life he's living, and **SAMANTHA RONSON** has some advice for Homeland Security.

@wyclef When Donkeys spread rumors about me I dont Respond cause I'm the master that leads them to the Well to drink the Water.

@ActuallyNPH As if life couldn't get much more surreal these past weeks (oscars, glee), I'm about to board a private jet to Vegas with JLo and the Rock.

@samantharonson If TSA workers all had a shot of whiskey every few hours the airport would be a much happier place.

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P. Diddy's 'Play-ahs'?

LET THE GAMES BEGIN P. Diddy has apparently become so obsessed with soccer that he's considering buying a British team, according to the Sun.

"Diddy was in London meeting football fixers a couple of weeks ago. The finance is in place, he's just deciding who he thinks he'll make a bid for," a source says.

"Portsmouth — who are also in severe debt — were mentioned, but he thought Palace were a better idea. He could cover their debt and bankroll a return to the Premier League. He liked the name as well."

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Karl says the darndest things

HII! I'M FROM THE 'OTHER WORLD' WHERE ALL I GET IS A BEAT UP PLAYBOY FOUND IN A COLLAPSING TOOL SHED. OH THE SHAME! Fashion mogul Karl Lagerfeld insists he prefers paying for sex.

"I personally only like high-class escorts," he tells *Vice* magazine.

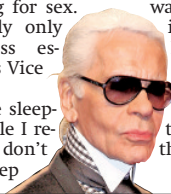
"I don't like sleeping with people I really love. I don't want to sleep

with them because sex cannot last, but affection can last forever. I think this is healthy."

The designer wishes everyone could live this way, but he recognizes it can be more than a little cost-prohibitive.

"For the way the rich live, this is possible," he says. "But the other world, I think they need porn."

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HE WENT "OLD SCHOOL" AS A "WEDDING CRASHER"

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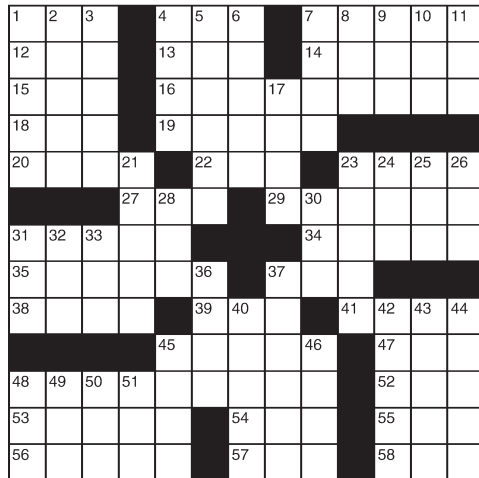
Yesterday's answer: What is Gotham City.



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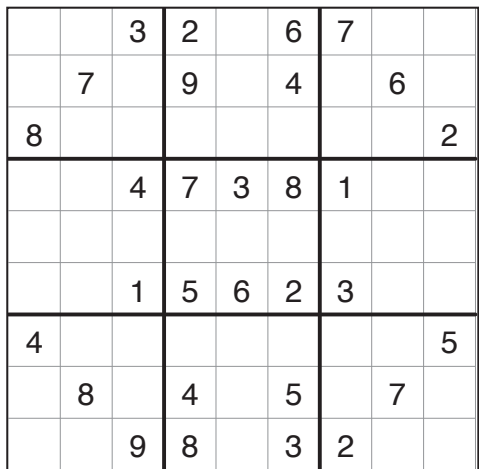
Take Five



Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Penny prez
4 Greet the villain
7 Drive away
12 Auto
13 Dadaist Jean
14 Adult insect
15 Storm center
16 Heart of a tennis racket
18 Sinbad's flyer
19 Avis competitor
20 Act like a goat
22 Varnish ingredient
23 Understands
27 Piercing tool
29 "Yay!"
31 Texas mission
34 Head-strong?
35 Universe
37 Menagerie
38 Get a glimpse of
39 "Entourage" character
41 Fumble
45 39-Across, e.g.
47 Mauna —
48 Old-time

prospector
52 Every last bit
53 Leaked slowly
54 Vast expanse
55 "Mayday!"
56 Taylor or Tyler
57 Mess up
58 Away from WSW

DOWN

1 Tart in tone
2 Louisiana marsh
3 Upright
4 Wild party
5 "1984" author
6 Phantom's bailiwick
7 Cracker name
8 911 responder (Abbr.)
9 Political patronage
10 Id counterpart
11 Sodom evacuee
17 Engrave
21 Debbie Reynolds role
23 Bridezilla's tolerator
24 Detergent brand
25 Highland headgear
26 Timid
28 Court
30 Roswell sighting
31 Expert
32 Part of UCLA
33 Venomous viper
36 Palm starch
37 Barb
40 Get extra value from
42 Decree
43 Criminal
44 Quiz answer, maybe
45 Tosses in
46 "— she blows!"
48 Scatter seeds
49 Reaction to fireworks
50 Submachine gun
51 — U.S. Pat. Off.

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	9	4	7	2	5	1	3	6
2	1	5	3	4	6	9	7	8
7	6	3	1	9	8	2	4	5
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3	8	9	2	1	7	6	5	4
4	5	2	9	6	3	8	1	7
9	3	7	6	5	1	4	8	2
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 small acorn squash
1 lb new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra to garnish
2 cans (540 ml) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup apple cider
1 cup hot vegetable broth
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve squash and remove seeds, then peel skin and cut flesh into 1 1/2-in. chunks.
2. Put squash in bowl and add potatoes, carrots,

parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and toss to coat. Stir in garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.
3. Lay rosemary sprigs on bottom of large roasting pan and spread vegetables on top in single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.
4. Remove from oven and stir in pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover pan tightly with foil, then return to oven and cook until vegetables are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

SERVES 6

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You feel you must do something to get your life moving again but you have no idea what it might be — a most frustrating state of affairs.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



If you are tense today it may be because you are worried about a financial matter. The problem may be minor but your mind has made it appear huge.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Don't waste time agonizing about what you are doing and whether it is right or wrong. Everything is the right thing, so why worry?

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Do you go with the flow or do you try to impose your will on a situation that others have found difficult?

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



If you go too far in one direction you will find that something pulls you back in the opposite direction and it may not be a pleasant experience.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



You don't have to be sociable. You don't have to be the life and soul of the party. If you want to be alone with your thoughts today do it.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Look on the bright side and bright things will happen. Your mind is a powerful tool and should be treated with respect and used with caution.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



It's not true that all Capricorns think that money and status are the most important things in this world, and even if you are one of those.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Is your conscience bothering you? Even if it is, there is no reason to believe you are about to be punished for what it was that you did.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You may not entirely trust a certain person but you have made a promise to support them and they are relying on you, so don't let them down.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You know what you want to say but putting it into words is not so easy. But who says you have to be chatty?

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



Because you are not sure what you want it might be best not to make any decisions, no matter how much others urge you to get your act together.

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